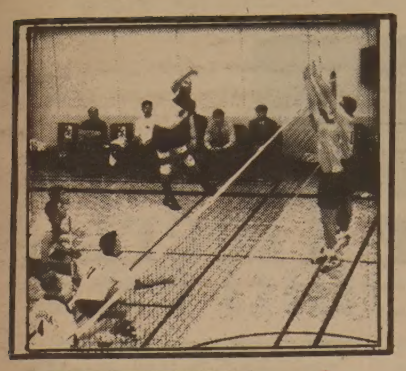

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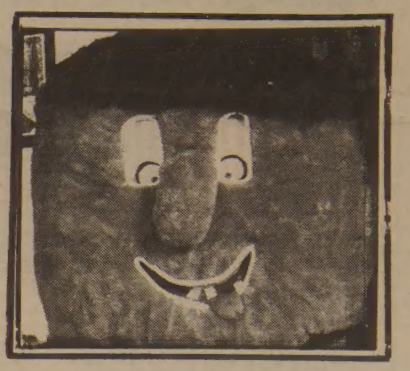

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NIAGARA COLLEGE of Applied Arts and Technology WELLAND CAMPUS LEARNING RESOURCE CENTRE

Save a life. Niagara College Annual Blood Donor Clinic Tues., Jan. 21 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Animal Antics

As winter moved in with strong force on the Niagara Region, some enjoyed it more than others. Tesla frolicks in the snow. Inset: Niagara News reporters recently visited the humane society. This furry feline is hoping you'll donate to help keep him and his friends living well. For more on the humane society, see this week's *IN THE SPOTLIGHT* on pages 18 and 19.

Photo by Debra Bright, Inset Photo by Jenn Elliott

Taking the chill out

By KERI-LYNN SMITH
Staff Writer

January '97 Orientation took the chill out, and that was the whole plan.

Winter orientation began with registration and a pancake breakfast at After Hours at the Welland campus Jan. 3.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson welcomed about 50 January-start students from various programs. "I'll be looking forward to shaking your hand" when you graduate, he said, smiling.

Niagara College's Student Administrative Council (SAC) President Jason Chase said this orientation is "a much more personal experience" than the September orientation.

Today, the tenth day of classes, marks the last day for students to enrol, but so far about 534 students have registered for term one.

Al Vaughan, registrar, said the target was 525, so there are "a little more (students) than we expected."

Comparatively, last year's January-start enrolment went from 498 to 620 by the tenth day of classes.

Lou DiMattio, of Community and Learner Services at the college, said she estimates September's orientation to have drawn a crowd of about 13,000 new and returning students. She says the smaller January orientation is "not as complex," adding, the pub provides "a small and closed setting" for activities.

The day's activities included welcomes by Patterson, Chase, Dave Rapelje (student life manager) and Ray Sarkis (assistant to the director of varsity athletics).

Sarkis said it's not too late to try out for teams.

"You're all welcome to come out and participate," he said.

The students were taken by froshkeepers to program information sessions, where co-ordinators and teachers greeted them, and students could possibly get a sneak peek at some of their classmates.

Back at After Hours at lunch time, those in attendance munched on pizza while being entertained by Blair Robertson, who stunned the crowd with his psychic abilities. Rapelje and Chase drew names for various prizes, including a CD player and clothing and restaurant gift certificates. Lucky Office Administration program student Hyun Ah Yun won a trip for two to Florida.

"It's too bad not everyone came out," said Chase. "It's a good time to get oriented with the college and services offered by SAC."

Transfer payments won't decrease

By JHIM BURWELL
Staff Writer

The 1997-98 transfer payments to colleges from the province will not be cut from last year's amount.

The Ministry of Education and Training issued a long-awaited news release titled "No further reductions for school boards, colleges and universities" on Dec. 20, 1996.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson said, "The caution I have about this announcement is the college needs to find ways to fund the increasing cost of services."

Those increases won't be offset if transfer payments don't increase as well.

"I am mainly concerning myself with no cuts for programs," added Patterson.

The details involved in the provincial funds are being analysed by college administrators.

Despite "no reduction" in the total amount of money transferred to the education system, there will be changes in how the money is used by the ministry. Some system-wide initiatives that will result in less money to individual institutions are being introduced.

System-wide investment will take "money off the top that could have gone to each institution," said Patterson.

Transfer payments are only one source of revenue for post-secondary institutions determined by the provincial government. They also regulate the tuition rates at each school. Those rates will not be released until mid-January.

"It's important that we take the time to make careful, informed decisions that will result in a high-quality education for all Ontario students," said Ontario Education and Training Minister John Snobelen in a ministry press release.

Normally the grant and tuition rates are announced in November. This year's delays have made "planning next year difficult," said Patterson.

"We are certainly not being placed in the climate and stress we were placed in last year," said Patterson, "though we still have the challege of maintaining quality and value with tight budget parameters."

Apply now for rooms

By HYOJEONG KIM
Staff Writer

Book early!

The student residence is finally coming into view and students can apply now using the residence web site.

"The construction has been going along fine so far. They're on schedule in spite of rain and snow," said Warren Yule, master plan project manager.

He said the foundation of the building is completed.

The residence will house 231 students in 114 double suites. Three single suites are available for students with disabilities.

Each suite will have two private bedrooms with study facilities, a kitchen with a refrigerator and a stove, a bathroom and an electronic card-lock door.

Residents will be able to use telephone, voicemail and E-mail.

The entrance will be monitored 24 hours a day, and all common areas will be video monitored.

There will be lounges, study rooms and social areas.

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PROFILES

Change is the name of the game for Tiberi

By KERI-LYNN SMITH
Staff Writer

Leo Tiberi says he thrives on change.

He's probably right.

In almost a year as director of the Information and Computer Technology division, he's overseen many changes in the programs under his direction.

With a business and human resources background and a personal interest in technology, Tiberi says he "can't think of a better place to work.

"I thrive on change."

He says he enjoys being in a division that is "defining, not just following."

Tiberi has only positive comments to make about the people and programs in his division.

"Every program in this area has been a delight to work with" with many "pleasant problems.

"Too many students is a pleasant problem," he says grinning, adding enrolment has gone up this year.

He says an average day involves meeting with about 15 students of the 1,200 in the division, working on such problems as scheduling issues, and getting feedback on implementation of changes to programs.

"We want to develop new programs and expand on what we have."

One such expansion is the possibility of a post-diploma program in three-year Broadcasting, Radio, Television and Film program.

He says he's looking at projects such as a divisional newsletter, a logo design contest and a web site for the college that would include the Niagara News as well as program features.

One of his goals as director is to improve communication between the division and the students, he says, adding, he has a "clear and common vision for this area," one in which the students actually feel part of a division and understand how everyone fits together.

Tiberi says he has genuinely enjoyed all the contact he's had with students, and tries to keep an "out-of-office strategy," or one that allows him to be as visible as he can be.

He says he wishes he had time for more projects, but tries to take a direct part in as many as he can.

He says he's trying hard to help students to succeed by providing them with the necessary tools, curriculum and teachers to make that possible. He notes, however, much hard work is needed on the part of the students.

"These are not easy programs. But it's work that will pay off in the end."

He says the faculty is working hard to keep classes current in a constantly evolving area. "I give them a lot of credit. They make my job a lot easier."

Career accomplishments recalled

By GRETTA ROSSI
Staff Writer

By his own definition, John Peacock is a man of few words.

The 51-year-old professor has been teaching at Niagara College since 1978, when by chance he got the job.

"It was a case of being in the right place at the right time," said Peacock.

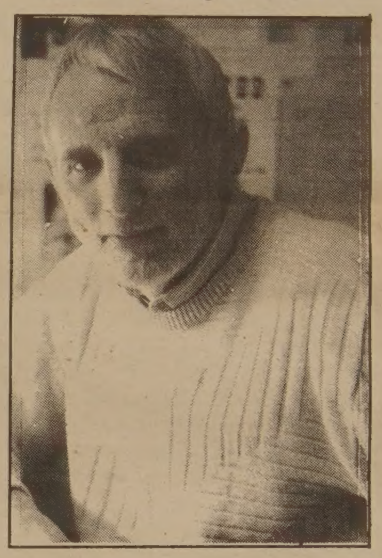
His request for a tour of the campus yielded the opportunity to step into the position of Hotel and Restaurant Administration co-ordinator.

Peacock became co-ordinator in 1978 and continued until 1992 when he stepped down to "give someone else a chance."

Peacock received his degree from the Scottish Hotel School, a division of the University of Strath Clyde, Scotland. Peacock became interested in the hotel business during his last year of high school when his summer job involved working in a hotel.

Peacock worked in the hotel industry in the United Kingdom until 1975 when he came to Canada on a work sponsorship with Holiday Inn, working out of the company's London, Ont., branch for nine months. He then left to work for the Ben Miller Inn in Goderich, Ont., before becoming a member of the college's faculty.

Peacock teaches travel and tourism, and culinary students various management skills, for hotel and restaurant administration, but recalls fondly the headaches of being co-ordinator.



JOHN PEACOCK

Peacock said he particularly remembers the move from the Rainbow Centre to the Maid of the Mist Centre in Niagara Falls. "It was an exciting time when construction of the new centre began."

Originally the hospitality centre was in a building under the Rainbow Bridge, which was rented from the city of Niagara Falls.

The relocation to larger facilities became a reality after "cramped and crowded" quarters were exchanged for the new building in 1989.

"It was a smooth move," said Peacock. "No one was moving into that building right away so we had time to move out."

Peacock holds a master's degree from Buffalo State University and has received a number of awards. He said he is "most proud" of the Murie Misty Award given to him in 1981. The award is given to an individual who, although not directly employed by the Niagara Region tourism industry, has promoted Niagara's tourism.

Although Peacock said he enjoys his work, his heart belongs to his wife of 25 years, Adele. They share their home with two West Highland Terriers — Brora and Culzean.

Peacock said on a good day he can be found doing what he calls his hobbies "drinking malt scotch and listening to blues music," adding with a smile "actually it's drinking malt scotch while listening to the blues."

Serianni enjoys position on college Board of Governors

By HEATHER BURTON
Staff Writer

She's climbing the ladder of success and Niagara College is the next rung.

Since 1994, Cinda Serianni, 30, of St. Catharines, has been an associate lawyer with a St. Catharines firm. Now she can also say that she is a Niagara College Board of Governors member.

Serianni's term started last spring, when the college asked her to become a Niagara College governor. "It's a really big accomplishment for me. I like it," she says.

"I really truly believe in Niagara College. The potential of Niagara College is incredible. I'm really proud of Niagara College and having it in our community."

With expertise in labor and employment issues, Serianni advises the board on a number of related legal issues. "I advise as to the background legally, where the board would stand. I bring my background but I'm not there to be legal counsel. (The board of governors has) its own legal counsel."

'I really truly believe in Niagara College'

At present, Serianni is on the board evaluation committee which oversees board processes and member participation, as well as the new member search committee which looks for new appointments to the board.

Currently the board has a variety of professionals who bring their knowledge and expertise to the table. "I've learned just as much as I've put in (to discussions), if not more. There's a lot of respect around the board, no matter who you are or what hat you're wearing."

Asked her feelings on being a board member, Serianni said, "proud that I can contribute; excited over the college's progress; hopeful that I can make a difference of where the college will sit locally, provincially and globally."

Her long-standing relationship with the college has helped Serianni become better aware of college processes.

In the summer of 1989 Serianni was an undergraduate working with the planning research and development division of the college. She was also involved with the groundwork of the International Trade post-diploma program which is designed to create educational agreements with Niagara College and foreign countries and to teach students how to work at the international level.

CINDA SERIANNI

Photo by Communications and Planning

The "neat ideas and progressive plans" of the college appealed to Serianni. "I knew quite a bit about the college, but not all of it. It is multi-faceted."

The following summer Serianni returned to the college and helped develop the environment centre at the college's St. Catharines campus. With community support Serianni helped develop a recycling program called the Greening of Niagara College. "I've been involved with the college in a number of different ways and a number of different aspects."

The Welland native completed a degree in political philosophy at the University of Toronto, before going to Windsor University for Law School. Serianni articled at Blake, Cassels and Graydon and was called to the bar in 1994. Daniel, Wilson Barristers, Solicitors, and Notaries, St. Catharines, have been her employers ever since.

Student satisfied with Public Relations program

By KERI-LYNN SMITH
Staff Writer

On any given day, Jodi MacDonald, 27, can be found either in classes or chattering away with teachers and other students.

Or strangers.

Knowing this, it's no surprise MacDonald is a post-diploma Public Relations (PR) program student.

"PR is based on communications," she says.

"Timmins? Did I hear you say Timmins?" MacDonald asks two students sitting about 15 feet away from her. "I'm from Timmins," she squeals.

If communication is the basis for PR, MacDonald is well on her way to a promising career.

"PR is a very vast area that can be applied to many jobs," she says, adding, it has a "vital role in the workplace."

She says to work in PR, a person must have good writing and verbal skills, be task oriented, like to write, enjoy being creative and be willing to make public presentations.

"You're always looking for ways to help people understand," and for "an angle that hasn't been thought of before."

MacDonald says the PR program requires students keep up with not only school, but also the world. "You'll never stop learning."

The first thing an employer will ask you is if you have computer skills, she says.

"You'll need to know the Internet and e-mail," but regardless of where you are, you always "push for the human element."

She says many businesses are having trouble with communications, and adds, companies, especially those "in transition," need to communicate.

It's important to "try to open up the lines between management and employees," she says, and you must always listen to what the consumer wants as well.

"You can't get away from talking to people," says MacDonald.

CAMPUS LIFE

The times are changing

Post-diploma program gets industry-related experience

By KERI-LYNN SMITH
Staff Writer

The Interactive Multimedia post-diploma program is starting off 1997 with some changes.

The program will be leaving its location in the Voyageur wing to move to the second floor of the Simcoe wing. Both wings are at the Welland campus.

The move will make it easier for students to use the photography and Mac labs in that area, as well as place them closer to two related programs — Journalism-Print and post-diploma Public Relations.

There have been changes made to the second term of the one-year program itself, specifically expanding the former three classes to 10.

'self-directed, but structured' - Robinson

Students will be learning subjects like photography, animation video and audio and web development.

Dave Robinson, co-ordinator of the program, says the classes will be "self-directed, but structured."

He says he's excited about the program. The classes are designed to be "relevant to the industry."

The students will be getting their industry-related experience on equipment suited to their needs.

This includes 18 Pentium 166 computers with 64 megabytes of random-access memory and 17-inch monitors. Students will have at their fingertips programs like Windows NT and Macromedia Director.

Some possible future projects include a multimedia kiosk for the counselling and special needs areas, as well as increased information on the college web site.

Student residence

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The residence will be connected to campus facilities by a walkway.

The residence rate is $1,560 a semester including utilities, telephone, cable and light housekeeping.

Students will pay a $250 deposit when applying, which is fully refundable until four weeks prior to the beginning of the semester.

Campus Living Centres Inc., of Kingston, will manage the student residence.

Gene Pringle, president of Campus Living Centres Inc., said there will be some jobs available for students who will live in the residence.

Pringle said the manager of the residence is Derek Wills, a Niagara College graduate.

"It's not just housing. It's more like a miniature apartment," said Pringle.

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'Bouk Revewe'

By ADAM KIESWETTER
Staff Writer

Choose life. Life's aboot choices nae isanae? Yi goat to tell yirself wa ya want ta do wi yir life early on, likesay, cause yir nevr no whae jist might happin, ken?

If the dialect in the movie was right over your head, then the thick Scottish vernacular used in Irvine Welsh's best-selling book, *Trainspotting*, will indeed give you a rough reading ride.

Trainspotting is the first novel for Welsh, who lives in Edinburgh. But the skill with which he spins his tales of twisted dementia feels rather like the work of a seasoned novelist (apparently one who has witnessed some very nasty things in his life). But nasty isn't strong enough. It's dirtier than that.

The topic up for study in *Trainspotting* is pain. The thick sludgy kind of pain that cuts through and rots in your veins.

The book focuses mainly on a group of mates, or so-called mates, who maintain their abusive and demented existence in Edinburgh, Scotland by milking the welfare system, bilking their parents, and lying to themselves, all in the name of sweet nihilistic, drug-induced oblivion — the main stoner crowd pleaser being, of course, the ultimate in junkie pleasure, heroin.

Part of the stink raised about Welsh's articulation about the junkie's world is that even in its austerity, his portrayal somewhat glamorizes the deadbeat druggy existence almost to the point of making it desirable. But ideally, at its most effective, art should be dangerous.

In Welsh's world of repugnance and lost souls, these naturally outraged young waste cases claw their way through life, lying, cheating, stealing, screwing, and manipulating each and everyone they can in order to either get high or get even with whatever demons their souls possess. It's a hard-line message he offers his readers, but one you'll never forget.

His images are potent, hard, and harsh and you're stabbed with a sense of hopeless desperation in this wickedly unfair world. This is cruel, unrelenting junky hell, served on a platter of realism that gives a whole new sense of societal suffering.

It's a dazzling book. Its messages are awful in their truth, and even in its portrayal of hopelessness, its startling characters with their swagger lingo spew forth a raw lust for life that's both convincing and alluring.

Trainspotting begs to be read, not only because it's like nothing you've ever sunk your literary teeth into before, but because once you get your first succulent fix in the first couple of chapters, you'll be *begging* for more.

Into the cold

Niagara College students fled a phantom fire at the Welland campus on Monday, and had to brave the frigid temperatures outside.

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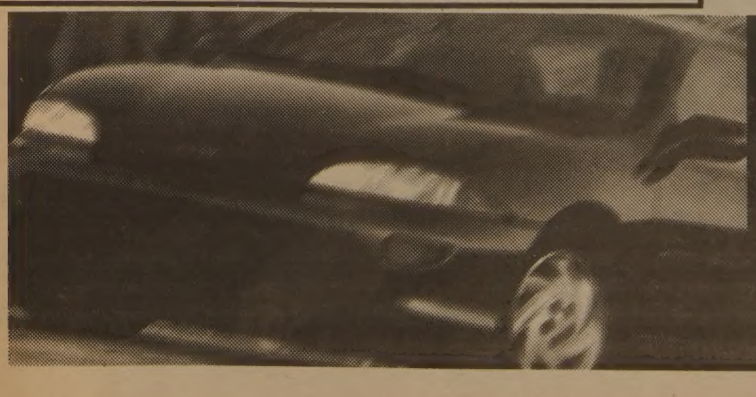

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GIVE LIFE-JAN. 21

Red Cross clinic saves many lives

By JENNIFER HARDING
Staff Writer

Come on out and save a life.

Niagara College's annual blood clinic will be on Tuesday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The clinic, held at the Welland Campus in the gym in the Mackenzie Building, is being sponsored by Student Administrative Council (SAC).

SAC is providing pizza, pop, juice and donuts for those who donate. Versa Foods is providing coffee and tea.

Rhonda-Lynn DesRoches, SAC vice-president external, is co-ordinating the event. She said she is hoping for 200 donors.

Jan Potton, a Niagara College faculty member and staff organizer for the clinic, said for young people, this is the one thing they could do for free that would save a life.

Potton said the Red Cross is in desperate need of blood. Each year the number of donors from the college decreases, despite the increased enrolment population.

Giving blood does not put the donor at any risk for AIDS, she said.

"Fresh, sterile needles are used with each donor, so there's no risk involved at all."

There are three awards given after the clinic. A staff award goes to the department with the most staff donating. Last year, the Information Services department staff won this award, providing three units of blood.

A second award, the Corpsuckle Award, is presented to the program with the highest percentage of donors. After last year's clinic this was awarded to the students of the Ambulance and Emergency Care program for having 26 per cent of their members donate.

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The last award, the Buddy Blood Drop Trophy, was developed by Potton. This is awarded to the program with the highest number of donors. In 1995-96, the first-year Law and Security Administration program students won this award with 39 donors.

"These are the two programs that give us the best support," Potton said.

Giving blood takes about an hour including the screening and having the refreshments.

Gifts of blood make Buddy smile

Rhonda-Lynn DesRoches, SAC vice-president external, and Buddy Blood Drop invite you to donate.
Photo by Melissa Labbe

Does your blood measure up?

By JENNIFER HARDING
Staff Writer

Come on out and give the gift of life.

Niagara College is having its annual blood donor clinic on Jan. 21.

Are you eligible to donate?

Blood donors must be between 17 and 60 years old to donate the first time, and must show a piece of identification with full name and photograph, as well as another piece of identification. Donors who have given blood before should bring their Red Cross donor card.

You must weigh at least 110 pounds (50 kilograms), be in good health and feel well the day of the donation. A donor cannot be on prescribed medicine that may affect the donor while donating or the recipient.

It is required that your hemoglobin level meets Red Cross standards for donation. You must wait 56 days between donations, and have adequate sleep and something to eat right before you donate.

It is required the donor wait 12 months after any body piercing or tattooing. Other standards will prevent potential donors from giving blood. This will be determined through a written questionnaire completed before the donation.

Every 20 seconds, someone in Canada needs a blood transfusion. One day that person could be you.

Word on campus - Will you give the gift of life?

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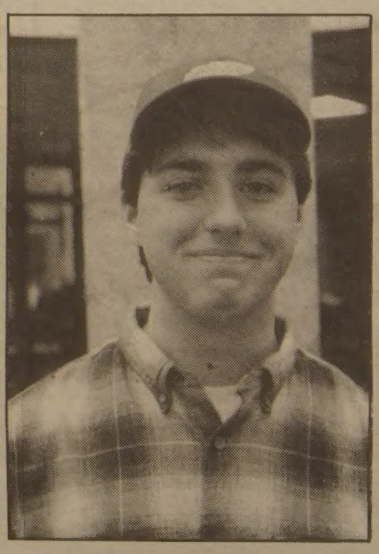

GREG LEE

LLOYD PHILLIPPS

Will you donate to the blood donor clinic?

"I didn't even hear about it, but I would to help out," said **Nino Mendes**, 20, Health Science Preparatory program student.

"Ya, when is it? It helps save lives," said **Sharon Whaling**, 21, a first-year Journalism-Print program student.

"Yes, for the kids and whoever needs it," said **Arva Hamdani**, 18, a first-year Office Administration program student.

"Yes, I would, just as long as I get my milk and cookies at the end," said **Greg Lee**, 21, a second-year Retail Management program student.

"Yes, I would because there's always a demand for blood and donating blood is a safe procedure. Literally it's the gift of life for some people," said **Lloyd Phillipps**, professor, Business and Entrepreneurship division.

COLLEGE NEWS

Program teaches independence

By JEFF GARRETT
Staff Writer

Organization and technical knowledge are just two of the rewards produced by the Accounting program at Niagara College.

Bonnie Martel has been the co-ordinator of the Accounting program since August and said, "I like my job. I've always been involved with the program, and you learn more about what's going on around the college."

The 38-year-old co-ordinator said, "There's a lot of opportunity for an accountant, whether it be in accounting or another business."

The January-start enrolments for the three-year business administration has maintained a steady level, but the two-year program has slightly decreased.

"Recently financial planning was added to the two-year Accounting program. It's great because it gives students more of an option," Martel said.

The Accounting program is funded by the college and the students' tuition fees.

"With the cutbacks, we've had to reduce the number of hours. This makes it a little more difficult to cover everything in depth.

"All colleges are going through the same thing. We're not suffering any more than the next one."

"We're looking right now to fit in as many accounting courses as we can for our program."

Goals Martel would like to achieve with the Accounting program are "having the program headed for a full three years of accounting, or a direct entry into your field. I think this would be attractive to students."

The program teaches "students to be independent," and "have the ability to work on their own."

George Myltschenko, 19, is a first-year accounting student at Niagara College.

"I think the program's good. I wouldn't change anything.

"Nothing has really changed since last year, but the computer courses have a bit."

Myltschenko said he got into the program because "I thought it would be a good career opener. It looks promising for the future.

"My expectations have been met. I haven't been let down. I'm happy with it."

Another student of the accounting program is Chris Quait, of Welland.

"The course is getting harder but that's to be expected. The teachers don't teach as much as they used to. They instruct us but not in depth like last year."

The 20-year-old second-year student said the only thing he'd change with the program is the "hours of class."

"The person who took it last year got more of a program. An example is the taxation course. Last year it was four hours a week, this year it's only three."

Quait said he's "not satisfied" with the Accounting program.

"They're teaching things that sometimes doesn't seem relevent. I say that because I've been in an accounting office, and what they're teaching is nothing like what I did."

Quait said "however, the taxation course is useful."

Shannon Slade, 20, of Welland, is also in the program.

The second-year accounting student said, "Last year was basically review, and this year is much more in depth.

"I really enjoyed accounting in high school, so I figured it would be my best bet since I do great in it. Also it won't be hard to find a job because it's in demand."

Slade said the only thing she'd change about the program is the addition of a class.

"The two-year program does financial planning, and we don't. I think we should because it's crucial.

"The course has taught essential things," said Slade, adding "The taxation course is helpful. I'm satisfied with the program."

Life after college

By MELISSA LABBE
Staff Writer

The Educational Resources and Special Needs (ERSN) program is ranked second for post-graduation employment among Niagara College's Community Studies programs.

Eighty-seven per cent of the graduates in the 1994-95 academic year have jobs related to their studies, says a graduate placement report by Employment Services.

Pat Frank, ERSN program co-ordinator, says the students' work placements "often lead to part-time employment," adding the placements are also a source of post-graduation employment.

Students participate in work placements each term for two days a week. In the second and fourth terms they work for two and three-week blocks, respectively.

Frank says the program is "unique because it is the only program in the province that prepares students for two distinct job markets."

Students are trained to work as educational assistants and developmental service workers. Other colleges offer the same training but in two separate programs, she says.

The ERSN program's employment percentage was above the college's overall percentage.

According to the report, "82 per cent of our (Niagara College) grads surveyed from full-time programs were working six months after receiving their certificates/diplomas."

The Ontario College Placement Group designs the questions of the questionnaires and administers them to the province's 25 colleges.

Janet Forfar, employment services, is a member of the Ontario College Placement Group.

The report is forwarded to high schools, prospective employers and the Ministry of Education and Training.

Nancy Avolio, information services official in the Co-operative Education and Career Services office, says this year a total of 1,264 questionnaires were sent out to accommodate the three groups of graduating students.

About 80 per cent of the questionnaires were returned, says Avolio.

Forfar says the report for the 1995-96 academic year will be available in late spring.

Anyone interested can pick up a copy at the Co-operative Education and Career Services office.

A new partnership

By SAMANTHA GOLDWIN
Staff Writer

Niagara College has entered into a new partnership for graduates who are entering the environment field. The tuition-free training program begins this month.

The college has joined with Centennial College and the University of Western Ontario in this venture.

"It's a wonderful partnership for us and our students," said Barb Okanik, manager for the Innovation Center at the college.

The tuition-free program is being targeted at those 29 and under, she said.

The program will consist of four months of classroom training followed by an eight-month session with a mentor.

Graduates will gain technical knowledge, entrepreneurial skills and business management capabilities to enter the environment field.

"The onus is on the individual to go out and create a business. Understand, being enterprised is the employability skill of the next century," said Okanik.

The sponsor for this tuition-free program is the Canadian Council for Human Resources in the Environment Industry with funding from Human Resources Development Canada.

The original starting date of the program was the beginning of January but has been tentatively moved to Jan. 27.

"We're still giving some time to recruit. We have 16 people but we would like 25," said Okanik.

Niagara College courses will be held at the Business Advisory Center in Hamilton.

"And with the Hamilton center covering right up to Guelph, they thought it would be the most central for everyone to travel to," said Okanik.

This is a pilot program so everyone involved will be evaluated to ensure things are moving effectively, she said.

"One of the main goals is the success ratio, how many graduates found jobs as a result of the program and how many people started their own business," said Okanik.

"Becoming an enterprising person gives them an edge for life."

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Snowfest arrives Jan. 27

By ADAM KIESWETTER
Staff Writer

Strap on your snowsuits. It's time for Snowfest!

Student Administrative Council (SAC) has a full lineup of fun-filled, winter-wonderland activities for the week of Jan. 27 to 30.

Students can enter the competition alone or as a team of four. Grab some friends and sign your team up in the SAC office as soon as possible as there will be a limited number of teams accepted for the competition.

Students are awarded points for participating in and winning the events. They're given prizes for participating, and the winning team will be given a party in the After Hours pub. A CD player is up for grabs to the highest point-earning individual competitor.

But Snowfest isn't about prizes.

Jason Chase, SAC president, says Snowfest is meant to help cure those post-Christmas wintertime blues and take the shiver off the season.

"When you're coming off the Christmas high and coming back to school, it just tries to raise spirits," he says.

He's excited about this year's selection of activities and says the wacky nature of the events, ranging

SAC

from the "ridiculous to the outright stupid" is exactly what makes Snowfest fun.

If you're not familiar with the name Snowfest, it's probably because last year it was called Wintercourse. Apparently, Chase says, some students were upset with last year's name and complained to SAC that Wintercourse, sounded too much like "intercourse," so the council was forced to remedy the situation.

* **Monday, Jan. 27** - Pick up your list in the SAC office for the individual or team **Scavenger Hunt.**

* **Tuesday, Jan. 28** - Don't take a pummeling in the **Snow Ball Throw** (individual event).

- Stuff your face in the **Jello Eating Contest** (individual event).

- Cut through the snow and ice with your team to be the first to the finish line in the **Obstacle Course** (team event).

* **Wednesday, Jan. 29** - Strip down and go jump in the lake, literally! A **Polar Bear Dip** at Lake Gibson for all who dare.

* **Thursday, Jan. 30** - A **Dart Throw** and **Nintendo Showdown** in the After Hours pub (individual events), and a chilly **Volleyball Competition** out in the cold for true wintertime sports lovers.

SAC's Anderson resigns

By ADAM KIESWETTER
Staff Writer

The Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president athletics has resigned from student council because he wants to commit more time to his studies.

Kyle Anderson, 21, a second-year Electronics and Engineering Technology program student, has decided to call it quits with SAC after almost two years.

Anderson was vice-president internal on last year's council and was elected to the position of vice-president athletics during last March's SAC elections.

"My program has a huge work level and I struggled to get through last term. I think I lost sight of why I was here. Was I here for SAC or was I here for school?"

Anderson says the reason he decided to get into school government was because he wanted to make the school a better place.

"I always enjoyed meeting people and helping people. It's a lot of fun and I gained a lot of experience, but school is why I am here.

"When you're out helping students you lose track of what you're here for. You accept responsibilities and then you have to complete them."

Anderson says he wanted to make sure all the projects he began were "taken care of" before he officially resigned.

"There's quitters and then there's people who bow out. Everything is on paper, typed out and ready to go."

Don Woodruff, SAC executive vice-president, says council is looking into having candidates from last March's SAC election fill Anderson's position.

If these former candidates are not interested, Woodruff says, SAC will probably promote one of council's three student representatives to the vice-president athletics position.

Woodruff says he respects Anderson's decision because he doesn't want anyone on council to have to sacrifice school marks for SAC.

"I guess he wasn't too impressed with the grades he got, and he didn't think he could keep his grade point average."

"If you do have the time to put into SAC while doing well in school, that's great, but we don't want you to sacrifice your schooling for SAC," says Woodruff.

Food drive a 'great success'

By ADAM KIESWETTER
Staff Writer

The warm-hearted generosity shown by the Niagara College community during the Student Administrative Council (SAC) December food drive not only helped out about 25 people over the holidays, but has also allowed student council to establish a well-stocked food bank for needy students.

SAC President Jason Chase said the food drive was a "great success" for the college. "It's just students helping students."

He says all kinds of people came forward to accept the food.

Married students, single students and anyone else who was in need was given some food.

"Basically there was an increased need because it was the end of the term, and for some, their OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) ran out, and this was just a little to keep them going. They were everyday people, just like you and me."

Chase says he wanted to make sure the drive did well. "I kind of took it on myself personally to make sure it was a success.

"It was an interesting experience. I think a lot of them might have been embarrassed. We tried to make it really comfortable when they came in — they seemed very happy."

Chase says there's still plenty of food available for anybody that needs a little extra.

He says there was "a great deal" of support from the entire college and that the drive could become a yearly event if necessary.

It was either Chase or SAC office manager Cindy Blanchard who distributed the food to those who asked for it.

"You try not to make a big deal of it. They probably feel a little embarrassed, but you talk to them and try to make them comfortable," she says.

Chase says he approached some local businesses, but "had no response at all."

"I think it's because a food drive isn't recognized as a registered charity so they can't get their tax write-offs or benefits or whatever."

He says students might also be interested to know that there are food vouchers available in counselling worth $10 at some local grocery stores for those who need them.

The "weirdest" thing donated, says Chase, was some stationery supplies. "Someone came in and gave us some pens and paper and that sort of thing. They took the idea of 'needy students' to another level.

"There was an excellent effort put forward by the whole college."

Training offers career opportunities

By KATHERINE NADEAU
Staff Writer

The Centre for Environmental Training at the Niagara College St. Catharines campus is offering an environmental program unique in Ontario.

Changing regulations and heightened awareness of environmental issues have dramatically increased the demand for highly-skilled individuals able to perform environmental functions as well as health and safety responsibilities.

"In the past companies have had several different people responsible for each area, now they are looking at one person to do everything," said Jim Klys, Environment, Health and Safety program co-ordinator.

The two-year program offers extensive training in several areas that would provide career opportunities in the areas of pollution assessment, prevention and control; environmental and workplace monitoring; health and safety co-ordination; safety and environmental regulation enforcement; waste handling and environmental facility operation and technical support in the areas of environmental analysis, research and development.

"For example, we train the students to do things such as waste auditing, something that companies are required to do by law, to see if the company should be doing more recycling," said Klys.

There is a certificate course in Practical Loss Control through the Industial Accident Prevention Association that includes emergency planning and accident investigation. An optional co-op is part of the program.

"The co-op component of the program is optional and about half of the students take advantage of the additional practical work experience they get through their co-op placement," said Klys, explaining some of students have had paid co-op positions.

Some of the college's graduates have found jobs in the private and public sectors such as the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the Lincoln County Board of Education. Top growth areas, depending on government regulations, include products and services that will reduce pollution and save money.

Applications for January-start students are still being accepted. The program operates from *January until July. In September,* the students join those who started the previous September for the second year of the program.

Horticulture on the rise

By GORD WITTENBERG
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Horticulture Technician program is one of 18 co-operative education programs offered at Niagara College.

The Horticulture co-op program prepares graduates for the expanding horticulture industry, offering paid, career-related work experience that focuses on academic and personal goals.

Students have the opportunity to gain valuable on-the-job experience and employers have the chance to evaluate the students' performance. Obtaining employment is a joint effort between the student and the Employment Services department.

The program emphasizes greenhouse management, nursery production, park maintenance and landscape planning. Practical work includes developing the campus grounds and the indoor and outdoor plant collections.

"The co-op is almost like having a fifth semester," says Tom Ball, Horticulture Technician program co-ordinator.

"The students learn the theory and get as much practical work experience in school as possible but you need more in the actual industry."

John Langendoen, owner of Willowbrook Nurseries in Fenwick, graduated from the program in 1972.

"Niagara gave me the background I needed to make the decisions to go into business for myself. The plant knowledge and skills I gained were instrumental in establishing my career," says Langendoen.

Willowbrook Nurseries specializes in wholesale production and distribution of container-grown nursery products. Landendoen has Niagara College graduates on staff and also hires co-op students.

"Technology is growing by leaps and bounds in the horticulture industry, not only in growing methods and facility management, but in transportation and marketing," says Ball.

The greenhouse industry in the Niagara Region occupies almost four million square metres of greenhouse space, which produces flowers, vegetables, nursery stock, potted and bedding plants and directly employs more than 2,200 people.

COLLEGE NEWS

Three cheers for donation

$10,000 presented to Niagara College Aboriginal Education Management Circle

By JASON YOUNG
Staff Writer

Niagara College's Aboriginal Education Office had a visit from the bank in December.

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) made a presentation of $10,000 to the college's Aboriginal Education Management Circle (AEMC). The donation is aimed at improving the Aboriginal Education Centre at the college, thereby improving native student access to Niagara College.

The donation was the second part of an initial $20,000 pledge made by the CIBC to the AEMC. The first $10,000 donation was given in June 1995.

Representing the CIBC at the cheque presentation was Kim Willoughby, account manager, Niagara Region Commercial Banking Centre, and Bill Ramsey, hub manager of CIBC's Welland branches.

Although the financial pledge is complete, Ramsey said the CIBC would monitor to see all needs would be met pertaining to the future relationship between the CIBC and the Management Circle.

"That commitment is a long-term commitment. So, we want to see how things develop and to know what the needs (of the AEMC) might be in the future," said Ramsey.

Also in attendance were staff members from the Aboriginal Education Access Office, representatives of the AEMC, as well as Niagara College President Dan Patterson and Don Johnstone, interim vice-chair and CEO of the Niagara College Foundation, the college's money-raising arm.

Patterson said part of Niagara College's success is based on the commitment to partnerships with institutions in the Niagara Region such as the CIBC.

"The CIBC has taken a leadership role not only in the region, but the entire country. Three cheers for their endeavors with aboriginal education," said the college president.

The CIBC is the largest employer of aboriginal people in the financial sector as a result of its training and internship programs.

The bank presented $6,000 in donations to the Niagara College Foundation. The cheque was the first part of a $30,000 pledge to the Niagara College Capital Campaign, which is raising funds to build the new Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

"We feel we have a commitment to the youth of Canada and the private sector has a role to play with it," said Ramsay.

During the presentation to the Niagara College Foundation, Willoughby said he looked at the fund-raising campaign as being positive for the community.

A fond farewell

BY JASON YOUNG
Staff Writer

Seasons change and so do faces at Niagara College.

The Aboriginal Education Access Office interim-manager Janie Jamieson finished a 10-month term on Dec. 18.

Jamieson took over responsibilities temporarily for Wendy Johnson-Martin, full-time manager of the office. Martin returned as manager on Dec. 18.

Jamieson said she enjoyed her time at the office and was delighted in helping students with their courses. "I really enjoyed helping with the program and seeing them (students) grow," she said.

Aside from the administrative duties at the office, Jamieson said she became friends with many of the students who make use of the office and student lounge. "It's been fun helping them. I've got to know a lot of them personally."

She said Niagara College employees have been "very helpful" during her time at the office. "I've given a lot of support and received a lot of support. I'm going to miss everybody here," she said. "For the most part, I think the majority of the population here at Niagara College —not only staff, but students as well — have been pretty receptive and open pertaining to services at the lounge."

Jamieson said her time at the college was positive and "a great learning experience."

She said a highlight was launching the Native Social Service Worker program. Her responsibilities were to recruit the students and find instructors to teach the course.

She said she would like to have future ties with the college and that she would be back for commencement in the spring. "I've been pretty close with the students and I do want to watch them graduate," said Jamieson.

Niagara has Canada's only hybrid micro electronics lab

Program gives hands-on experience

By ROBERT HALLETT
Staff Writer

It's the only one of its kind in Canada.

Starting in 1993, the Niagara College program will have its first graduating class in April.

The Micro Electronics Engineering Technology (MEET) program in Welland is a four-year co-op program.

"Niagara College is the only college in Canada with a hybrid micro electronics lab," says Anwar Hashmi, a fourth-year MEET program student.

Bill Krahn, also a fourth-year MEET program student, says the program gives him a good hands-on experience in the designing and manufacturing of hybrid circuits.

Students learn manufacturing techniques involved in the fabrication and design of micro electronic circuits from scratch.

A hybrid circuit is an integrated electronic circuit formed from a number of distinct integrated circuits interconnected on a substrate.

Hashmi says after he graduates he wants to work in a manufacturing environment as a production or design engineer.

Krahn says he wants to do processing or manufacturing/engineering in the micro-electronics industry.

The first graduates in the Micro Electronics Engineering Technology program are from front row left: Bill Krahn, Patti Pucci and Peter Pucci. Middle left: Sean Alderdice, Ed Vanvliet and Garry Bennett. Back left: Kang Lee, Andrew Kyle and Anwar Hashmi.

Photo by Robert Hallett

Peer tutoring puts an end to student confusion

By JENNIFER HARDING
Staff Writer

Get 1997 off to a good start. Need some help in your studies? Visit Peer Services and get a peer tutor.

This service, which is free to students, matches a student who is having difficulty in a subject with a student who excels in the course.

Peer tutoring aims to help students who are temporarily confused, have a below-average grade and want to raise it, or need to learn better study habits.

Pat Cicci, Peer Services officer, said that the first step to achieving these goals is to put in real effort.

She said that students having academic difficulties should speak to their instructor to see if they have any recommendations.

"If students find that after really working hard they are still having difficulty, that is when they should come in and get a tutor," she said.

Cicci said students who are being tutored are expected to attend all classes, keep up on assignments, do all homework and show up for all tutoring sessions.

"They are also expected to know what the problems are so they can get right to it with the tutor."

For each hour they are tutored, students are expected to do two to three hours of independent study.

Students interested in becoming peer tutors should make an appointment with Cicci for an interview. Tutors earn $7 a session.

Tutors must have a mark above 80 per cent in the subject they are interested in tutoring, Cicci said, adding they should like to work with people.

For more information on peer tutoring, students should visit Cicci in the Peer Services office in Counselling Services.

Students interested in the service at campuses other than the Welland Campus should see their counsellor.

Peer tutoring is one of the core services offered by Peer Services.

Through peer tutoring, a student who has excelled in a course helps a student experiencing difficulties in that same course.

Applying For Peer Tutoring:

There are specific times when a student would require a peer tutor.

*Students temporarily confused about their subject.

*Students who have a below-acceptable grade level and want to raise their grades in courses.

*Students who need to learn better study habits.

Becoming a Peer Tutor:

These are requirement for becoming a peer tutor:

*A minimum of 80 per cent in the courses you would like to tutor.

*A strong desire to help students succeed. Previous experience in tutoring is an asset, but not essential.

If you are interested in tutoring or becoming a tutor, walk through to Peer Services in Counselling Services.

Tutoring is free and tutors receive $7 a session.

(Source: Peer Services Pamphlet)

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Help save a life on Jan. 21

It takes less than an hour to save a life.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, Niagara College is having its annual blood donor clinic.

Each year, even as the college's population grows, the number of blood donors falls.

It doesn't take much to donate blood. You must be in good health, over age 17, have photo identification and pass the few requirements on a written, confidential questionnaire.

It has very little effect on your body, just make sure you follow the guidelines provided by the Red Cross. In 24 hours, you can even resume all strenuous sports.

And donating blood saves lives.

So why is blood in such short supply?

The Red Cross has received a bad reputation in recent years since the start of the Kriever Inquiry. AIDS-tainted blood was given to patients receiving transfusions. Many have died since.

But this should have no effect on the willingness to give blood. A fresh sterile needle is used on each donor. There is no risk.

So make the trip down to the Welland campus gym on Tuesday anytime from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Save a life.

If you hesitate, remember one simple thing. The person who needs the blood could be someone you love.

It could be you.

People justifiably scared

Attempts at downsizing have sunk to a new low.

The Niagara District Health Council committee's report recommended closing all but three of Niagara's hospitals: the St. Catharines General Hospital, the Welland County General Hospital and the Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls.

Niagara Region residents are justifiably scared.

As Port Colborne Mayor Neal Schoen said about the proposal to close the Port Colborne General Hospital, the idea of three hospitals serving the entire Niagara area is "ludicrous."

The recommendation may make sense to administrators and accountants, but human lives should be paramount to budget numbers.

Priorities have gotten mixed up. In the scramble to balance budgets after the cuts by Ontario Premier Mike Harris's axe, it seems as though people have forgotten the value of people.

No council or committee can estimate the number of lives that could be lost because three hospitals cannot accommodate the region's more than 400,000 residents.

Trying to get care in emergency rooms now can take hours. What will happen when Welland residents have to share the city's hospital with Port Colborne, Wainfleet, Pelham, Fonthill and other nearby cities' residents?

The words chaos, suffering and tragedy come to mind. It really is a pity that it takes a tragedy to open eyes. Let's hope the concerns of people will be enough to stop this proposal before it kills anyone.

Women and anger

By HEATHER HUNTER
Staff Writer

Keep it in or spit it out? Suppress it or ventilate? Any way you phrase it, anger, and its various forms of expression, are part of everyone's life.

However, until recently, women, at least "polite" women, didn't have much choice in the matter.

Historically, girls have always learned that showing anger is not ladylike, that anger disrupts relationships, that it can ruin your chances of getting a man. But that was yesterday's woman.

Recent research shows women anger as often as men, as intensely as men and for many of the same reasons as men.

According to American doctors and psychologists, women's anger has been implicated in a variety of health problems including depression, high blood pressure, heart disease, arthritis, stress, drug and alcohol abuse and obesity.

Doctors also state women who release their anger have higher rates of breast cancer than women who don't. Women who get angry also have unhappier marriages and relationships.

This, it seems, goes against the belief that releasing anger will make you feel better; but expressing anger only creates more angry feelings.

So can having a bad day, getting in a fight with your parents, or failing an exam really affect your health? Obviously it can.

All I can say is use the old fashioned remedies. If, and when, you get angry; count to 10, sweat it out with exercise, reappraise the situation, just get through it.

Come on girls let's not let anger get the best of us. Besides isn't anger the most disliked emotion? It's so exhausting and a waste of life, literally.

Safety tips for trucks

By PENNI TONEGUZZO
Staff Writer

As the days pass, an increasing number of people fear driving on our Ontario highways because of flying truck tires.

There is nothing wrong with these trucks. The incompetence rests in the hands of the driver.

When driving any vehicle, it is the driver's responsibility to make sure the vehicle is performing as required by our laws.

My father has been a truck driver for more than 20 years. He has never experienced a tire flying truck off his rig. Why?

When a part breaks down on the rig, my father has it fixed immediately. He checks the rig thoroughly before driving anywhere, and gives it a powerwash every Sunday, rain or shine.

It simply comes down to pride. Pride in what you do and taking care of responsibilities.

Another contributing factor in this highway tire menace is that the truck inspection places which are located along Canadian highways are usually never open.

The inspector weighs the load being carried, making sure the truck is not overloaded.

Why not inspect the truck thoroughly? Check the oil, make sure all parts are greased well, and check for rust on truck tires. Rust usually indicates future problems on a rig.

Owning a rig is an expensive task, but it is less expensive than taking the life of an innocent person.

So, to all the truck drivers who are "on the road again," take pride in your vehicle. Your truck's condition expresses the sense of responsibility of the person behind the wheel.

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OPINIONS

People drive badly

By JENNIFER HARDING
Staff Writer

It's like playing roulette.

Driving in Ontario has become a game of risk. Many lose.

In 1996, over 30 cases of flying truck wheels were investigated by the police. Not every wheel injured or killed someone, but imagine if they had.

So why is this all of a sudden becoming an epidemic? Not that long ago driving behind a truck used to be the safest place on the road. You could count on drivers to be well-trained.

But this is not the only problem on the roads these days. Between the aggressive drivers speeding, weaving in and out and tailgating, and the ignorant drivers who can't tell red from green, our roads are getting more and more scary.

When I got my licence, all I had to do was make a couple right turns, a couple left turns, a three-point turn and drive around for a while. I did all that the first day of my driving course.

To top it all off, at the end of my test, the tester made me park illegally because there were no more spots. She said she knew I was a good driver, so it was okay. Oh yeah, and never do this in real life.

Now is it any mystery why there are so many bad drivers out there.

Yes, I am a good driver, and no, I haven't made a habit of parking illegally. But how did she know that from a 10-minute car ride?

I drive back and forth from Welland to Toronto each weekend, and to be honest, the least scary part is driving on the highways with the trucks.

I think my odds are better there.

Take the opportunity to study abroad

By JHIM BURWELL
Staff Writer

There is a whole wide world out there just waiting to be overrun by talented, nearly graduated college students.

I remember once, before my eyes were opened to the myriad opportunities that can lead an ambitious student across oceans, I was bored at school.

The textbook I was reading had begun to lose my interest and I remembered one of my professors had mentioned a seminar on university exchanges to Britain. Going to that seminar started as a new and innovative way to procrastinate and ended up being the start of a terminal case of wanderlust.

Studying or working abroad provides more than just a traditional education — it provides global experience. There is a big difference in the experience you get between vacationing or visiting and "living."

Niagara College takes pride in the work placement aspect of the curriculum. Did you know these placements can be taken anywhere in the world they can be arranged?

Jos Nolle, the director of the International Education department at Niagara College, will try to arrange for international placements if you ask. He's told me so. Take advantage of this.

Right now I am looking for somewhere to do my work placement. Hong Kong sounds right. It is pretty much the only place I want to go that has a deadline, since it reverts back from a British colony to the Chinese in July. Some people say the handover will have no effect on the tourist industry, but I'd rather not take the chance. Granted, it is a little more expensive than working in the region, but it's not that bad, and the time you spend will be worth it in the end.

The world is becoming smaller and smaller with new technology in travel and information. The Concorde crosses the Atlantic in less time than it takes a 747 to fly from Toronto to Vancouver, and then of course there is the Internet. Anyone can go anywhere in the world and talk to people (that speak the same language) without leaving the comfort of a computer terminal.

With advances like this, the assumption that a career can be made on a local basis is a little near-sighted. There is so much out there — places to visit, international markets to plunder and jobs all over the world. If you can't find something here, look elsewhere (and I'm not talking about Toronto). Pubs in Britain or Greece, resorts in the Caribbean, construction companies in Borneo or Australia, relief sites in Africa and Asia, seismic ships looking for oil in the Gulf of Mexico — all places that people I know have worked. It ain't that hard.

One of Nolle's jobs is to bring international students to Niagara College. People from all over the world fax him for information. The facilities and people to help co-op students go abroad are there. Now we just need to get more students to take advantage of them.

Money and determination are needed to pursue academics

BY JASON YOUNG
Staff Writer

Be afraid. If you're in my path, be very afraid.

This I say to you, the esteemed pillars of our society, the wise men and women that keep our country intact and proper. I say this in regard to my academic future.

I'm quickly approaching the end of my final year of college, and I've realized I'm not content with my learning thus far. I'm not saying I haven't learned anything at Niagara College; I have, but I'm hungry for more, so I intend to continue my studies at university in the fall.

Like many students, I had to resort to financial assisitance to help pay my way through college and I'm counting on it for university as well, but that's when I get scared.

There's a possibility that OSAP can cut me off because I've already used it for two years. If they do, then I'll really be in a mess. If the government and banks deny my application for financial assistance this fall, I'll be angry. Hence the threat at the beginning of my column.

I'm going to do some blaming if my academic pursuits are denied because of money problems.

I find it absolutely inexcusable that someone so eager to learn and fill himself with knowledge could possibly lose that opportunity because of money.

I'm so worried about it that I'm prepared to work 40-80 hours a week all summer long to make my dream come true. Collectively, as students, we should be prepared to do anything we have to in order to get what we want pertaining to anything educational. So I will blame.

I blame the elite who send their children to school and pay for everything with a credit card. I know the parents have worked hard to send their children to school and support them financially, but how badly do some of these kids really want to learn? Why should they be there?

I blame the banks for "cashing in" on the right to charge interest on loan payments and making repayments on student loans so bloody high. I realize the banks must make money somehow, but how will they when all these unemployed graduates haven't any money to put back into the economy (but that's another story).

I blame the government. I just thought I'd put them on my list too, simply because they're so easy to blame.

I blame my parents. I don't want their money, never have and never will, but I would like them to realize just how tough it is to get an education these days. My grandmother cannot believe the fact that I want to continue schooling to actually LEARN more. She wants to know why I don't already have a mortgage and a station wagon. Wake up, Nana; the factories aren't hiring anymore.

But most of all I blame myself. I blame myself for not wanting to be happy working at a McJob for the rest of my life. Perhaps I would like the mortgage, mini-van, family, and Labrador retriever, but I've got to take care of a few things first.

So be afraid. If you're in my path, be very afraid.

Students did not choose Niagara College for the donuts

Homer wants donuts; columnist just wants a warm greeting.

By ADAM KIESWETTER
Staff Writer

"So Homer, what brings you here to Niagara College this year?"

Having a celebrity like Homer Simpson attend Niagara College is far better than a kick in the pants in terms of promoting what a fine Canadian college like Niagara has to offer. Despite a busy schedule, Homer has taken time out of his day to grant me an interview. We are both munching on donuts.

"Well, (munch, munch) my boss Mr. Burns told me I'd have to go back to school if I wanted to keep my job at the plant, (munch, munch) so I thought, where better to come (munch, munch) than Niagara College. Ooh! A jelly"

"OK, Simpson! You've had your last jelly!" I boldly declare. "I've done some digging and I know the real reason you came to Niagara was for our free, orientation-day donuts!"

"Doh!"

Unlike Homer, I did not come to Niagara College for the free donuts doled out on orientation day. I also didn't base my decision to come to Niagara on who the orientation-day band was, whether or not I'd get a free car, or on the possibility of winning a flight to Florida.

In fact, the quality of the orientation activities I could expect at a future school played no part whatsoever in my decision to learn here, just as all the fanciful activities and prizes offered during September's orientation week were not a driving force that brought me under the big tent the past two Septembers. I go to school to learn, and I see orientation as a fun way of priming me up for the main event — learning.

In my orientation I look forward to a warm greeting from the faculty, information about what's to come and how to best proceed, and a bunch of dorky games and embarrassing rituals meant to officially "bring me into the fold."

How a $12,000 car giveaway (such as was done at the September orientation) or a free trip to Florida (awarded at the January orientation) helps me feel welcome, informs me about anything, or encourages me to do anything constructive escapes me.

First-year students pay an orientation fee of $25 each (which in September accumulated to about $65,000), much of which is allotted for administrative chores (mailing, copying, etc.) and orientation goodies like T-shirts and student handbooks.

The orientation committee justifies the pricey Barenaked Ladies (who played at the September orientation for 10,000 big ones) and these luxury giveaways as "incentives" for students to attend orientation.

What is the point of these handouts? Leftist investment strategy? If we give an affluent impression, then potential students (read, investors) will flock to Niagara? What is "audience attracting" about a free car? Is the one-time chance of winning a car going to draw in a massive crowd for five days in a row? Why not make students at least compete for the prizes, thereby giving them a real incentive to participate?

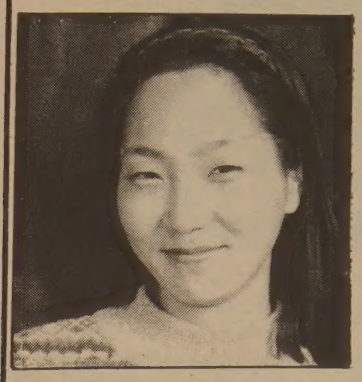
Attendance at the September orientation wasn't all that bad, but whether it was due to lack of interest or lack of knowing, "some programs had less than six per cent come out to try to start the car," according to the committee. And numbers for the January orientation were apparently lacking. "It's too bad not everyone came out," said Student Administrative Council President Jason Chase at the time.

The orientation "fee is strictly spent on orientation," says the committee, and they responsibly adhere to this tenet.

But redirecting that money into something beneficial for everybody involved — or at least making the winners earn it — is the first step in creating a truly interactive orientation environment.

The individual cost to students ($25 each) is admittedly not an overwhelming sum (but think of the donuts . . .) but that's not the point. Handing out car keys and plane tickets to only a couple lucky students is not fair to the rest of the student populace.

Students deserve break



By HYOJEONG KIM
Staff Writer

If you use city buses to come to the college, do you regularly buy a monthly bus pass for $45?

Then your pass must indicate you are an adult, not a student.

A student pass is only $33, but you have to be a secondary school student to buy one.

It is true that we all are adults, but that doesn't mean we are not students.

Often we can get discounts with our student card for train and express bus fares or entrance fees for certain places.

Why are we sometimes treated as students and sometimes treated as adults. Why can't we be both at the same time?

It doesn't really make sense that we can't buy student passes.

Many of us college students have to support ourselves and need all the financial breaks we can get.

We are students as well as adults.

Give us a break; don't discriminate against us because of our age.

We have the right to buy student passes, not adult passes.

Program offers a different focus

Wide variety of employers consulted for expertise

By JENNIFER GIBSON
Staff Writer

The Niagara College Recreation Leadership program offers a different focus than other similar college programs.

The Recreation Leadership program is the only one out of 12 colleges offering the course, which specializes in therapeutic recreation and community development.

This is used in any type of therapeutic setting, such as old age homes, drug rehabilitation centres and hospitals.

Therapeutic recreation "betters the lives of the physically, mentally and socially challenged," said Judy Halaiko, co-ordinator of Niagara's Recreation Leadership program.

"Other schools offer one or two courses in the therapeutic area," said Halaiko. "We have six courses in the therapeutic field.

"We are the only college that has an extensive focus on therapeutic recreation," said Halaiko.

'We are the only college that has an extensive focus on therapeutic recreation.' - Halaiko

The only other college offering the same emphasis on this is a post-diploma program at Georgian College in Barrie.

"But in that case you'd have to already have a diploma to get into the program," said Halaiko.

A wide variety of employers in the recreation and service field were consulted for input into the design of the skills, knowledge and practical experience offered in the course here.

"Our graduates are in demand in active senior centres and homes in the Niagara Region. The placement and employment opportunities are always growing because of our strong specialty areas," Halaiko said in a recent press release.

After graduation, recreation leadership students can look for jobs in non-profit organizations, social service agencies, fitness centres and government facilities.

For more information about the program call Halaiko at (905) 735-2211, ext. 7733.

Theatre 'just dreamed up'

By KATHERINE NADEAU
Staff Writer

A Niagara College student with a love of children, a background in drama, and a desire to combine the two is enjoying her second year with the Pelham Youth Theatre.

"The Town of Pelham Community Development has been encouraging people to get involved with implementing new programs," says Kristine Halsted, 22, of Fonthill. The program is one she "just dreamed up."

Halsted is a second-year student in the Recreation and Leadership program and plans to pursue an acting career after she graduates next April. She took several drama-related courses at Pelham's E.L. Crossley Secondary School and attended the Expressions Academy school of acting in Toronto. She had a small part in the popular Canadian television show *Road to Avonlea* during its last season. She also had a part in a not-yet-released movie with Dan Aykroyd and Lily Tomlin, filmed a year ago in Toronto.

"Dan Aykroyd was a really nice guy. I had this scene where I'm wearing this little blue nothing and I'm riding this metallic-blue mountain bike past them in the park and he turns around to look at me and Lily Tomlin elbows him. I must have ridden past them about 6,000 times," says Halsted, laughing.

This year the Pelham Youth Theatre runs for 12 weeks, from Nov. 7 to Feb. 13, and includes theme nights designed to promote a basic understanding of drama and theatre. Halsted and assistant Carli Falcioni, 15, a Grade 10 student at E.L. Crossley, work with a group of 10 children, all from the Pelham area. The ages range from about 7 to 12.

"We could take younger children but they should be able to read. The monologues we are working on involve both reading and writing skills," says Halsted.

Each about a paragragh long, the monologues are filled with colorful phrases with room for expression and creativity. They also include some stage directions and information about the character. There will be a single preformance for family and friends on Feb. 13.

The children are asked questions designed to help them develop their character, such as where they are in the scene, what their name is and what they look like. They can also choose a costume and props.

During theatre tag the children use some of the skills they have learned. Everyone stands in a circle with the first two players in the centre.

"The idea with theatre tag is to start a scene with improvised dialogue and motion. When someone has an idea on how to proceed with the scene they yell freeze and replace one of the players," says Halsted.

Brandi Bermuhler, 11, a Grade 6 student at Pelham Centre School, says she "really likes the program." Brandi would like to be an actress but would consider being a police officer if acting didn't work out.

Emily Dayboll, 8, says that when her mother told her about the program she wanted to join "because I like acting. It's fun." The third grade student at E.W. Farr School says that mime is her favorite part of the program.

"It's hard to pretend that there's something there when there really isn't, but it's so much fun." And, she adds with a smile, "We get to wear all black."

Halsted works part time as a receptionist at Picasso's hair salon in St. Catharines.

The group meets Thursday nights at the Senior Citizen Community Centre on Canboro Road in Fonthill.

Two members of the Pelham Youth Theatre enjoying theatre tag.

Photo by Gord Wittenberg

Program defies gender inequality

By GORD WITTENBERG
Staff Writer

Niagara College second-year Horticulture program student Caroline Brown defies any gender inequality that might exist on the job or in the classroom.

"I enjoy the outdoors and I like to work with my hands, whether it is helping to build decks or erecting a fence," said Brown, 22, of Collingwood.

Women do everything "that the guys do" in aboriculture, including climbing trees, he said, adding she enjoys the "close-knit community" atmosphere at the horticulture centre in St. Catharines. "It is kind of like a family, and we get to spend a lot of time with the teachers if we need extra help."

With the Horticulture program moving from its Niagara Street location to the new Niagara College campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake in September 1998, Brown said she doesn't think the program will suffer, but it will be "different."

"I like the school the way it is, the size. I wouldn't want to go to the new campus, but the new students won't know what they're missing."

Brown has a part-time job at Shopper's Drug Mart as a cosmetician to supplement her Ontario Student Assistance Program loan. She has worked for the city of St. Catharines Parks and Recreation department planting flowers.

After graduation, Brown said she would like to work for a landscape company and eventually start her own business.

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Alzheimer Society raising awareness

By JENNIFER HARDING
Staff Writer

It's hard to imagine suddenly losing all your independence and most of your memory.

But for 300,000 men and women in Canada, this is their reality.

This is not a normal sign of getting older, nor does it only affect those who are aging.

This is Alzheimers disease, a degenerative brain disorder that destroys vital brain cells. There is no known cure. The number of people who suffer it is expected to more than double by the year 2020.

January is Alzheimer Awareness month and numerous events are scheduled to help raise awareness of this disease.

Three Walks for Memories are planned. On Friday, Jan. 17, there is a walk at Niagara Fall's Niagara Square on Montrose Road between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. and on Sunday, Jan. 19 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., at St. Catharines' Lake Street Armouries. Welland's will be held at the Seaway Mall on Monday, Jan. 20 between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

All are sponsored walks with proceeds to the National Alzheimer Wandering Registry.

Cynthia Smith, executive assistant for the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region, said the money raised will go towards the production of a training video for police services across Canada. It's being made in Niagara in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

An information session on Monday, Jan. 27 will be at Maplecrest Village, 85 Main St., Grimsby from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Alzheimers affects adults at any age but is more common in those over 65. A degenerative disease, it makes formerly self-reliant people completely dependent on others.

Symptoms include losing short-term memory and having difficulty adjusting to new social situations. Learning, calculating, deciding or handling finances become problematic. Controlling emotions becomes difficult.

The only definitive way of diagnosing Alzheimers disease is through autopsy, so many cases go unreported.

Carolyn Hurst, the Niagara College nurse, said until recently there was very little information published on Alzheimers disease.

Smith said the Alzheimer Society is expanding rapidly.

"Counselling has doubled in the last couple of months," she said.

During January, Smith said the society hopes "to bring a lot more awareness to the general public regarding this disease and other related dementias."

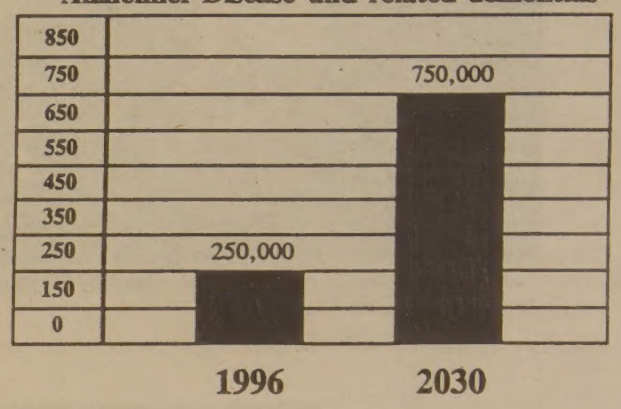
She said the organization is open to anyone, not just doctors or family members of those who have this disease.

"We have an excellent library," Smith said, adding students use it to find information for projects.

Smith said they are hoping to have about 100 walkers to the events, but aren't sure what kind of turnout they will get.

She said the walks are a relatively new event first tried last year with limited public involvement.

Number of Canadians affected with Alzheimer Disease and related dementias

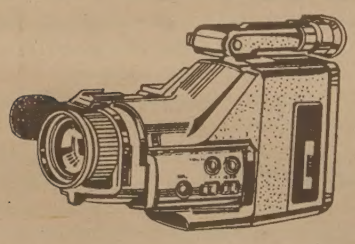


Mottola keeps Niagara state-of-the- art

By DEBRA BRIGHT
Staff Writer

Ron Mottola has his work cut out for him as the head of Technical Services for the Learning Resource Centres for Niagara College.

Mottola, who has been with the college for 12 years, provides the



technical support required by the campus libraries.

Some of his responsibilities include instigating the purchase, installation, repair and maintenance of all audio-visual equipment, such as VCRs, televisions and projectors.

Upon request, he also sets-up the equipment required to conduct evening classes at the college.

In his workshop in the Simcoe building at the Welland Campus, one can find Mottola busy repairing equipment or taping programs for facilitators from TV Ontario broadcasts.

He works with Helen Kovacs, from the audio-visual department, on filling these requests.

Mottola said he was excited that the library was branching into multi-media.

He designed the computer-operated podiums in the Hamilton Room, Secord Room and other large classrooms within the college.

A fibre-optic system in his workshop can be fed to any computer in the college.

Mottola's future projects include moving his workshop to the back of the library and constructing the wiring for the library at the new campus.

Ron Mottola is at his computer terminal in S100.

Photo by Debra Bright

New courses

Staff Writer

Three new continuing education programs will be starting at Niagara College next week.

A six-week tole and decorative painting course will cover the basics of painting. Students are expected to complete five projects in the program that starts Tuesday, Jan. 21 or Wednesday, March 5 and runs from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

A new certificate program for those interested in animal care also starts Jan. 21, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. until May 1. The pet care worker program is suitable for employment at animal hospitals, humane societies, pet shops and kennels.

Starting Jan. 23, St. Catharines Flying Club will be joining the college to offer a private pilot ground school training. Classes will run Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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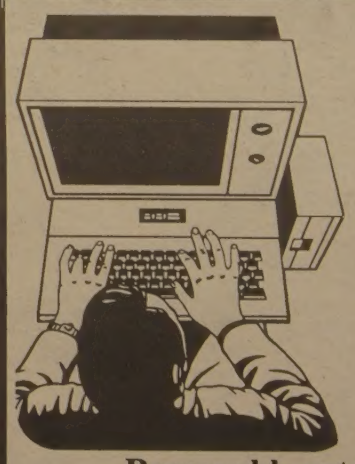

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Flappers surround Larry J. Woolf, Casino Niagara president and CEO, for a unique photo opportunity at the Gala Preview.

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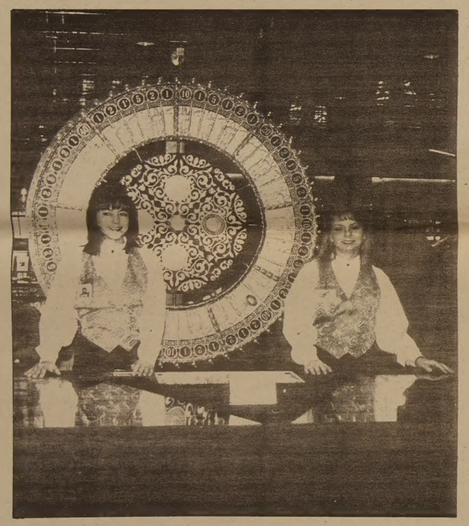

Try your luck at the money wheel at Casino Niagara.

Photo by Gord Wittenberg

Casino Niagara employees manning the roulette wheel.

Photo by Gord Wittenberg

World class attraction

By GORD WITTENBERG
Staff Writer

About 7,000 invited guests attended a gala preview of Casino Niagara on Dec. 6.

Domenic Alfieri, president of the Ontario Casino Corp., acted as master of ceremonies for the evening. Alfieri called upon William Saunderson, Ontario minister of economic development, trade and tourism, to make opening remarks for the occasion.

"I'm happy and privileged to be part of this very special event. I want to take a moment to acknowledge the community's role in supporting this new casino," said Saunderson.

"All of you share a vision for a bright and bold future for yourselves and for your children and your grandchildren. This is a chance to bring new life into the economy and create new jobs in the Niagara Region.

"Casino Niagara has already created 9,000 jobs of which 3,000 are directly in the casino. This spectacular facility represents only the beginning of other world class attractions that will bring visitors from all over the world to this region."

Other speakers featured during the ceremonies included Niagara Falls MPP Bart Maves, Niagara Regional Chairman Brian Merrett, Niagara Falls Mayor Wayne Thomson, Ontario Casino Corp. Chairman Gil Bennett and Casino Niagara President Larry Woolf.

Maves said he credited Premier Mike Harris and the Progressive Conservative caucus for "pushing the casino through and many people now have jobs because of this."

Mayor Thomson thanked members of the "Yes" committee who "had the courage to stand up, to say that we needed some changes. Those are the people who deserve the credit."

Casino Niagara was officially opened by the cutting of the ribbon. Al Fagan, a member of the city's "Yes Casino" committee, deposited a $20 coin into a slot machine and made the ceremonial first pull of the night.

Woolf pulled a ceremonial switch setting off a spectacular indoor/outdoor laser show, fireworks, waterfalls and other special effects inside the complex.

Casino guests got to try their luck at the 123 gaming tables and 3,000 slot machines from 8:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Hors-d'oeuvres and beverages were prepared by the Casino Niagara culinary team.

About 80 per cent of the 3,000 people Casino Niagara employs are from the Niagara Region. The casino will create a total of 6,000 jobs in the region and 9,000 jobs throughout the province. Ninety per cent of the labor force used to construct the $160-million project was local.

The casino is expected to attract 16,000 visitors a day and gross $650 million a year. Casino Niagara is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It is at 5705 Falls Ave., in Niagara Falls, the former site of Maple Leaf Village.

The casino's observation tower is scheduled to open in May 1997 and will include features promoting attractions in the area. In addition to gaming, the casino will offer several restaurants including the Farfalle — Italian for butterfly — in honor of the Niagara Parks Commission's butterfly conservatory. The casino will also offer a market-style restaurant, a cafe, a Hard Rock Cafe and a European village-style food court.

Retail services in the complex include an accessory store, a fragrance shop, a jewelry store and a liquor store showcasing Niagara wines.

Casino Niagara's architecture is reminiscent of the 1920s. The use of stucco, glass and stone create an image of the Great Gatsby era.

Inside the Falls Avenue entrance, visitors will be enchanted by landscaped terraces and cascading three-storey waterfalls. A mural of the sky painted on a high-domed ceiling comes alive with the use of lasers and lights, simulating the various stages of the day. Special effects, such as thunderstorms and the calm-after-the-storm, will also be incorporated into the dome.

The 3,000 slot machines will accept Canadian currency tokens in denominations of 25 cents, 50 cents, $1, $5, $20 and $100. There are 123 gaming tables such as blackjack, roulette, baccarat, Caribbean Stud, Let it Ride, Pai Gow poker and Big Six.

A time capsule containing memorabilia was buried in the atrium and will be recovered in the year 2096.

One hundred years from now people will be able to see what was involved in the building of the casino, which included more than one million hours of work.

Some of the contents of the capsule include letters of congratulations from the government of Ontario, a city of Niagara Falls crest, a bottle of icewine from Hildebrand Estates, a video depicting the construction of the casino, a CD of Canadian music artist Michele Wright, and a brief history of the site and its former uses which included an Oneida silverware plant and most recently, Maple Leaf Village.

David Tsubouchi (centre), provincial minister of consumer and commercial relations, and his wife, were guests at the Gala Preview.

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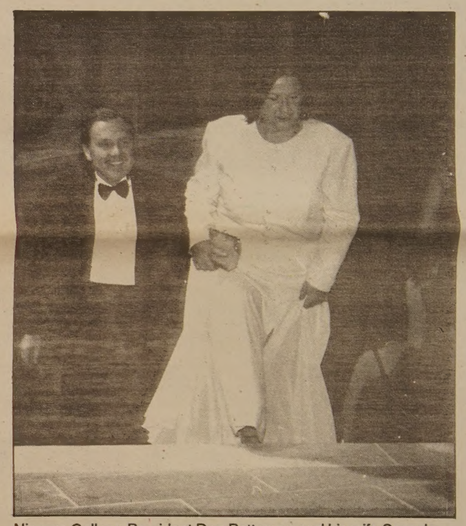

Niagara College President Dan Patterson and his wife Saundra were among those invited to attend the Gala Preview of Casino Niagara on Dec. 7.

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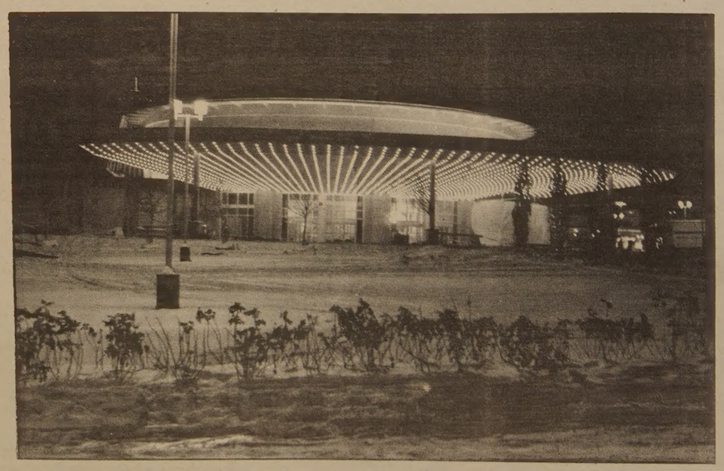


The dazzling, well-lit entrance to Casino Niagara.

Photo by Jennifer Gibson

CASINO NIAGARA

Gambling not the only attraction at Casino Niagara

By GORD WITTENBERG
Staff Writer

The trendy Hard Rock Cafe theme restaurant, having a worldwide reputation for being "the-place-to-be" and for being frequented by movie idols and rock stars, is certain to be an attraction in itself.

The rock 'n' roll restaurant can be entered from the main floor of Casino Niagara or through a separate door off Falls Avenue.

Known for its rock 'n' roll decor, customers get their first blast from the past with a 45-foot Fender guitar-bar.

The prop is inset with guitar frets and flanked by lava lamps shaped as tuning keys.

In addition to its 'rocking' atmosphere and famous clientele, the Hard Rock is known for its wall-to-wall music memorabilia the largest in Canada.

Dino Di Cienzo Jr., whose company holds the restaurant's franchise, said "the Hard Rock is somewhat like a rock 'n' roll museum, with memorabilia from various rock stars, their costumes, instruments and gold records are all authentic and signed."

The Hard Rock has always been and will always be in style, said Di Cienzo.

Next to the open display kitchen, the Viva Las Vegas room pays tribute to Elvis Presley and his Vegas days, an Elvis look-a-like performs regularly. Two motorcycles, a Harley and a Royal Star are suspended from the ceiling.

The Hard Rock Cafe occupies 9,000-square feet of the casino complex, has a seating capacity for 280, and will be open from 11 a.m. until 2 a.m.

More than 150 original gold records adorn the walls, along with about 50 Fender guitars autographed by various rock stars. Madonna's and Prince's stage outfits and vintage concert posters are on display.

Eating well is another drawing point for Casino Niagara

Logo merchandise such as Hard Rock T-shirts, caps and jackets will be for sale.

"The fact that the Hard Rock is in the casino complex is like the cherry on the cake because the casino will be such an outstanding facility and will attract people from all over the world," said Nick Bitove, president of Hard Rock Cafe Canada.

"It's a great situation for us because we cater to a clientele from all walks of life and of all ages."

When North America's first Hard Rock Cafe opened in Toronto in 1978, the idea was to offer the customer home-style meals and socializing while listening to rock 'n' roll music, added Bitove.

If fine dining in an exquisite restaurant is more to your liking Farfalle, Italian for butterfly, is an experience as enchanting as its name.

"It will be comparable to the best restaurants in Europe or in cities like Toronto and New York," said Mark Walpole, the casino's executive chef and culinary expert. "It will be that phenomenal."

The Farfalle is named in honor of the Niagara Parks Commission's butterfly conservatory.

Embodied in the decor will be the delicate motifs of butterflies. A glass wall at the entrance acts as a showcase of cold wines. The dining area seats 150 people and has sunken booths at one edge of a raised floor.

Celestino Pasteraro, owner of Toronto's Favoloso Ristorante and Bar, features Mediterranean-style entrees prepared distinctly Italian style with fresh herbs and olive oil.

As a complement to the menu, Faralle has an extensive wine list with selections from Italy, California and Niagara. The staff is trained to suggest a comparable local vintage to that of an import.

"Niagara wines are celebrated internationally and we want to do everything we can to encourage people to try them," said Walpole.

Sitting at the top

Catherine Chiarelli, 22, of Toronto was one of many independent dancers hired for the Gala Preview at Casino Niagara.
Photo by Gord Wittenberg

Hear ye, hear ye . . .

Derek Tidd, official town crier for the City of Niagara Falls, attended the Gala Preview dressed in traditional costume.
Photo by Gord Wittenberg

POLITICS

More layoffs in new year

Face of Niagara College changing

By BRAD MOSCATO
Staff Writer

The face of Niagara College is changing because of massive funding restructuring.

About $400 million in cuts to education budgets was announced by the province's Conservative government in November 1996, prompting tuition hikes and college layoffs.

Ontario already ranks ninth among the provinces in post-secondary funding per student, 11 per cent below the national average.

"The quality of education has declined and will continue to decline if more money is not spent on post-secondary education," said Dr. Douglas B. Rogers, a teacher at Niagara College.

With the federal government slashing provincial transfers to higher learning by 20 per cent, the Ontario government found itself pushed even further against the wall.

Over the past three years, students have seen tuition increase 36 per cent, 21 per cent during the last two years of former Premier Bob Rae's New Democratic Party government and 15 per cent during the first year with Premier Mike Harris and the Progressive Conservatives.

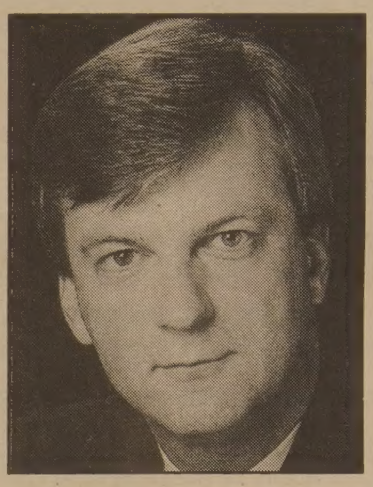
"Education is underfunded and is working on a shoe-string budget," said Welland-Thorold MPP New Democrat Peter Kormos.

"We are going back two generations to the point where education is elitist."

Library hours have declined, general education courses have been cut, class sizes are climbing, the number of part-time teachers is increasing and programs have been suspended during the last year at Niagara College campuses.

"Students are paying more money than ever to get less education," said Rogers.

"The Harris government has changed the face of college teachers in a startling way."



MPP PETER KORMOS

In the last three months, about 25 full-time support staff members of Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Local 243 at Niagara College have lost their jobs through a combination of government- and college-generated cutbacks. One-third of the members of Local 243 have been moved into different positions, which often are at a lower pay scale, said the union.

Many classifications of support staff at the college were affected, including secretaries, caretakers and development officers.

As to the numbers given by OPSEU, college adminstration had a different view.

"Tweny-five positions have been eliminated at Niagara," said Nicole Perrault, part of the employee and labor relations team at Niagara College.

Perrault said in November 1996, the college announced 18 fewer positions in support staff, resulting in six people losing their jobs. And, over the summer of 1996, she said seven positions were eliminated, meaning four more people would lose their jobs.

"A few people will be laid off over 1997."

Following the government's cuts, the college had to drop 12 administrative positions and 29 faculty positions.

"We can't give a number revealing the members in administration and faculy that have been laid off," said Perrault.

She said a combination of early-leaving packages, vacancies being filled by college staff, and positions still to be eliminated, a final figure is "difficult" to say.

"Altogether, there are 59 fewer positions at the college since the government's announcement. This includes support staff, faculty and administration."

A support staff union spokesperson at the college said "the quality of education we are able to provide is related to the government insuring that learning institutions have the funding available to properly train students."

"Nothing less is acceptable and if the government tampers with the educational system in the interests of cutting costs, we feel that it is tampering with the collective future of all."

Whatever the cost of education, the bottom line at Niagara College is simple: the cuts by federal and provincial governments have left people feeling the impact.

Niagara has plans to absorb cuts

By BRAD MOSCATO
Staff Writer

New ways to deal with government cuts have created challenges for Niagara College.

During his 1995 campaign, Ontario Premier Mike Harris vowed to cut $6 billion from public services and to cut taxes by 30 per cent. In order to achieve a 30 per cent reduction in taxes, Harris has porposed overhauling post-secondary education.

"The reductions the current government delivered have created quite a number of challenges for the college," said Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of administrative services at Niagara College.

Niagara has put strategies in place to deal with the government's focus on fiscal responsibility.

Van der Slagt summarized three areas to describe the college's plan for the year ahead.

• To create new sources of revenue that are not reliant on government. The college is looking to the private sector for the new revenue.

• To eliminate high-cost delivery programs with a low job placement rate and implement low-cost progams with a high-placement rate.

• To improve the retention of students by focusing on their chances of success.

Van der Slagt said teachers at Niagara have adapted quickly to the reality of the cuts and are helping students cope by making themselves available outside of scheduled classes.

Niagara's program will put the college to the test as the cuts will have an evident impact in 1997.

"This government is short-sighted by not seeing education as an investment," said St. Catharines Liberal MPP Jim Bradley.

Overall grants to the college have been reduced meaning fewer teachers and fewer course options for students, he said.

"The college will see larger class sizes with less accessibility for students . . . the quality of education is diminishing."

Lean financial times are forcing all colleges to concentrate on attracting more students who are an essential source of funding.

In Ontario, applications dropped five per cent last year. However, the Niagara College population grew 7.8 per cent from 1995-96 to 5,076.

"The government cuts haven't dramatically affected Niagara College," said college registrar Al Vaughan.

"You have to recognize tuition fees at colleges are of good value to students."

However, Vaughan warned an increase in tuition would see lower economic groups suffer.

"The impact on post-secondary institutions also depends on the size of the tuition increase and the amount of resources allocated (student loans)," he added.

Ontario education was treated with mild cutbacks during the Rae Days compared to the reductions of the Common Sense Revolution.

Former Premier Bob Rae of the New Domocratic Party froze teacher salaries and forced them to take several days of unpaid leave, and the privatization of colleges was unheard of.

Educators critical of the Rae government's cutbacks are sure to be even more critical by the cuts of the present Tories.

Promises, promises, promises . . . 1997 is here

By BRAD MOSCATO
Staff Writer

Name it and someone, somewhere at Niagara College probably made it their new year's resolution.

Yes that time of year was just upon us. When the big ball drops and a resolution is made in a rash moment on the eve of the impending year.

To be better. To quit smoking. To exercise more often. To eat healthier.

Many at the college have resolved to do better for 1997. Now, all we have to do is live up to these promises.

Niagara College President Dan Patterson said his resolution is "not to break another limb." That's right folks, our president recently had an accident. He strained the ligaments in his ankle.

On a serious note, Patterson said he would like to "step up efforts in revenue generation" at Niagara. He indicated a recruitment of international students and contract training for firms would help his objectives for the new year.

A third resolution from our hard-working president is to spend more time working at fund-raising initiatives, something Patterson confesses as being "difficult."

Local New Democrat MPP Peter Kormos showed no hesitation about his plans for the new year.

"I'm going to the doctor's office to pick up the patch so I can tackle the smoking problem," he said.

"The tobacco industry is one of the most evil corporate entities. They pedal a toxic and highly addictive drug that kills people for the sake of profit."

Kormos said the industry is focusing on Third World countries because of a decline in sales in North America.

And, no, Kormos didn't deny part of the reason he's quitting is politically motivated.

How about 19-year-old Niagara College student Courtney Fink.

Her new year's resolution is to get her driver's licence.

Inspired, not because of the freedom associated with driving, or because she has difficulties getting a lift, or even because she's now of legal drinking age and needs her own identification.

Fink said she simply wants her licence because "I should have one by now."

DAN PATTERSON

Our registrar, Al Vaughan, has made a few informal resolutions.

"Not to eat junk food and not to lose anymore watches."

Vaughan said he constantly loses watches, including his most recent one, received on Christmas Day.

"This year, I hope to be more careful with my watch."

Well, we hope you are too, Mr. Vaughan.

He also indicated fruits and vegetables will take up a larger portion of his diet.

. . . to 'step up efforts in revenue generation' at Niagara.
-Patterson

Hans van der Slagt, the college's vice-president of administrative services, has adopted a whole new approach to food for 1997.

"My emphasis is on my health."

Van der Slagt said he's not going on a diet but staying away from foods to which he is allergic.

"The best way to tackle this resolution is to get my wife on-board and to be more helpful in the kitchen," he said.

Registrar office clerk Diane MacDonald has resolved to be less busy this year.

"I want to allow more time for my hobbies," she said.

MacDonald did admit that television has become a problem. "I don't want to sit in-front of the TV as much this year. I hope to use my time wisely and plan things better."

And finally, Niagara's Student Administrative Council President Jason Chase.

Well, our student president made it simple.

"I made easy resolutions. Ones I know I could attain."

Hope so, Jay.

Chase said his resolutions are "to get my hair cut, to pass my college subjects and to try and have a good time."

Editor's note: Reporter Brad Moscato is in his second week of being a non-smoker. Not an easy resolution.

JUSTICE

Cops and canines congratulated

Constable Yancy Eddie and Police Service Dog Thunder take a break during the graduation ceremony.

Photo by Janice Poole

By JANICE POOLE
Staff Writer

After 13 weeks of extensive training, a graduation ceremony was held for five Canine Unit members.

From the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) was Constable Jeff Hopkins, 40, with Police Service Dog (PSD) Herc. Hopkins served eight years in the NRPS Canine Unit with PSD Pharoah.

"Herc is considerably different than my first dog," said Hopkins. "If he is half as successful as Pharoah, I'll have a fortunate career."

The second graduate from the NRPS was Constable Gord Nash, 36, with PSD Brix. Nash joined the NRPS Canine Unit in 1994 but his first dog, PSD Spirit, retired after being injured on duty.

"I'll be happy to get back on the road," said Nash. "It's been eight months since my other dog was injured."

The third graduatefrom the NRPS was Constable Dave Meade, 32, with PSD Echo.

"It feels great to graduate," said Meade. "Echo came in a little later than the other dogs so we start in the new year."

From the Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Police Services (HNRPS) was Constable Yancy Eddie, 30, with PSD Thunder.

"It's fantastic to graduate," said Eddie. "I had a great time here and I'm looking forward to a great career with Thunder."

The second to graduate from the HNRPS was Constable Dan Taylor, 30, with PSD Argo.

"I'm looking forward to getting on the road," said Taylor. "The guys went from training partners to friends really quickly."

The ceremony was held at 11 Division in St. Catharines on Dec. 12.

Those attending included families of the graduates, media, the Niagara Regional Police Services Board, the Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Police Services Board and both Chiefs of Police.

Before the presentations of certificates and badges, Niagara Regional Police Chief J. Grant Waddell addressed the group saying "I'm justifiably proud and publically salute our own Canine Unit. They are committed, dedicated and set extremely high standards."

The framed certificates were presented individually while a chain was placed around the neck of the dog. The metal badge hanging from the chain had the name of the dog engraved on it.

Presentations were made to the NRPS graduates by Deputy Chief Gary Nicholls. Those of the HNRPS were made by Deputy Chief Warren Burger.

"I'm excited like a new father would be. I'm looking forward to that first arrest," said Haldimand-Norfolk Regional Police Chief Larry Hembruff. "I'm thankful to the NRPS for letting us train here. I'm very proud to say our dogs were trained by Sergeant Bob Wright."

Wright, an original member of the Canine Unit, became the trainer after completing an apprenticeship program at the Ontario Police College as a canine instructor.

"I had a really good group of guys," said Wright. "They were all very trainable."

Constable Dan Taylor and Police Service Dog Argo rest after being presented with their certificate and badge.

Photo by Janice Poole

Constable Dave Meade with Police Service Dog Echo (from left), Constable Gord Nash with Police Service Dog Brix and Constable Jeff Hopkins with Police Service Dog Herc pose together at 11 Divison in St. Catharines on Dec. 12.

Photo by Janice Poole

Helping to improve the neighborhood

By JANICE POOLE
Staff Writer

Protecting yourself against crime is no easy task.

The Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) offers help through community-oriented programs to protect both neighborhoods and property.

Neighborhood Watch provides a means of reducing the opportunity for crimes to occur.

Citizens are taught how to make their homes less inviting, how to mark their property through Operation Identification and how to become alert to suspicious neighborhood activities.

It provides a sense of security for individuals. This program helps co-ordinate the efforts of the police and the community in tracking down criminals.

Combined efforts of neighbor unity can deter crime.

Posters, household inventory folders, window decals, home security tips and booklets explaining how to organize a Neighborhood Watch program in a community are available.

"It's a good program because it helps people in a local area keep an eye out for others," said Constable Craig Rudling, a 16-year veteran of the NRPS. "It helps bind the community."

The Block Parent Program is community oriented and is designed to protect children from bullies or possible molesters and to provide a safe place in bad weather.

Members of the program must first go through a police screening.

Members provide help during whatever time they have available by displaying their Block Parent window sign.

The Block Parent window sign and mailbox decal act as a deterrent to potential offenders. This program provides an organized method of protecting children and adults and involves members of the community including police, government and Boards of Education.

"It provides a safe haven for children when they're being stalked by someone," said Rudling. "Programs that get people involved are always successful."

Crime Stoppers is a program providing the public with a means of supplying information to the police anonymously. Cash rewards are given to people who call with information which leads to an arrest.

A crime of the week is highlighted in the media and asks the public for help, but Crime Stoppers wants information regarding any type of crime.

Rewards are offered for the recovery of stolen property or the seizure of narcotics. The tipline takes calls 24 hours a day at 1-800-263-TIPS.

Crime Stoppers is a partnership of police, media and the community aimed at maintaining and improving the quality of life in the community.

There are 900 Crime Stoppers programs throughout North America.

"It encourages criminals to inform on other criminals. People like to get revenge on each other in the criminal community," said Rudling. "It provides a higher success rate in solving crimes."

Rudling offers the following tips on how to better protect yourself and your property.

"Don't leave keys in your car, and keep doors locked at all times. Don't walk in dark areas or those having a high rate of crime.

"Stay away from known, active criminals. Take a self-defence course like Ju-Jitsu. It's what they teach at police departments provincewide."

INTERNATIONALLY

ESL college students experience new culture

By HYOJEONG KIM
Staff Writer

Eleven new students from Brazil, Colombia, Korea, Japan and Taiwan have joined Niagara College's English as a Second Language (ESL) program this term.

Ritsuko Shibagaki, 27, of Japan, said she decided to come to Canada because it is "not too dangerous" compared with the United States.

Elaine Bernardino, 21, of Brazil, said she wants to experience the different culture in Canada.

"I think it (Canada) is very different from my country. The weather is very cold here. It's hot in Brazil," said Bernardino.

The orientation on Jan. 6 provided an introduction to the college.

Susan Vandenboom, co-ordinator of the ESL program, said the purpose of the orientation was "to get to know each other and to feel comfortable by being familiar with Welland and Niagara College."

Starting with ice-breaker activities, the students located their houses and the college on a map and introduced themselves to classmates and teachers.

They also toured the college and had a meeting with Sean Coote, international student adviser. Coote told them about banking and medical insurance.

The next day, the students' skills were evaluated by means of a writing test, an interview with ESL staff and standardized tests.

At the end of day, the teachers decided the appropriate instruction level for each student.

The students also took a short night trip to Niagara Falls on Jan. 10 arranged by Coote.

Classes started on Jan. 8.

Promoting program abroad

Post-graduate program available for international students

By RICHARD MANCUSO
Staff Writer

There will be a new program for international students at Niagara College.

Called the International Post-Graduate Certificate program, it will be offered to students from other countries who have a university degree or college diploma.

The students will come to the college in the summer for a five-week English as a Second Language (ESL) course. The new program is designed to give students the chance to pick their own courses.

The student will choose eight courses for their one-year program, four in term one and four in term two. If the student, for example, chooses Hospitality, four of his or her courses must be in the Hospitality area. The other four courses can be from any other area of the college as long as it is relevant to their education.

The students' choices, however, are limited to third-year courses.

"This way we make use of all of the existing programs, there is nothing new being created," said Jos Nolle, manager of the International Education Office.

Nolle said he believes it will take a year of marketing the program before there are significant results, but he hopes that "in two or three years the program will draw a lot more international students to the college.

"After they complete the eight-month program and get their diploma, we can also help them get a co-op placement so they can spend another summer working here."

Nolle said he believes this will be an interesting experience for Canadian students and teachers, who may have to get used to having a mature international student with a different background in their class.

Nolle said he sees a lot of his time this term spent on marketing the new program. In March, he will visit Mexico. In May, he will visit Germany, France, and Spain.

Nolle said he hopes to eventually get more international content into all programs at the college.

He said he hopes in the future the number of international students will be boosted from the current level of two per cent.

New Year celebrated

By HYOJEONG KIM
Staff Writer

In Asia, New Year's Day is considered more important than in Western countries while Christmas doesn't mean much.

A lot of people don't celebrate Christmas because their culture is not based on Christianity.

It's not even a holiday in some Asian countries such as Japan, China and Thailand.

On the other hand, New Year's Day is celebrated as one of the most important days of the year.

People send New Year's cards to friends and relatives, and they prepare gifts for the family.

The New Year traditions of each country are quite different, according to some of Niagara's international students.

Taiwan: "We celebrate Chinese New Year's Day (this year, it falls on Feb. 8) for five days. First, we clean up the house completely," said Chia-Feng Lee, 21, an English as a Second Language program student.

Lee said people visit relatives and friends during the New Year holidays. "Parents and older people put some money into a red envelope for kids."

He said the color red means "luck" in Taiwan.

Japan: "We have traditional food — a good dinner with the whole family. And some people go to mountains or beaches to see the first sunrise of the year," said Mika Kawakado, 20, an ESL student.

"A lot of people go to a Buddhist temple and pray for good health and luck," said Kana Kurata, 21, an ESL student.

Kurata said fewer and fewer people wear kimonos for New Year's Day because they are "too expensive."

Thailand: "Young people have to prepare gifts for older people," said Pagamorn Chalermwong, 23, a second-year Business Accounting program student.

Chalermwong said people usually visit their parents or grandparents. "We go to a temple in the New Year's Day morning and there are fireworks at night."

Korea: "People wear traditional clothes called Hanbok," said Sinyoung Kim, 20, a first-year Early Childhood Education program student.

"All family get together, cook traditional food together and do a special ceremony to thank their ancestors in the morning."

Kim said people also visit their parents' or grandparents' tombs.

"Little kids go out for money-hunting. If they do the New Year's greeting to older people, they will get a gift of money."

Newsletter showcases ESL students' skills

By HYOJEONG KIM
Staff Writer

It's off the presses!

The second edition of the ESL International Students' Newsletter, promoting the English skills of students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program, is out.

The first edition was produced last August; the most current one in December.

Fiona Allan, 31, an ESL teacher, said she initiated this project as part of the writing class, but it became part of the computer and oral communication classes as well.

"It was the first time for ESL students to run the computer," said Allan.

She said she assigns the students to do stories about certain topics. They do research, surveys and interviews themselves.

Production is "mostly" done by the computer class students. They read and edit the written copy.

"I check only major points — if the story is true or if it's taken from somewhere. They (students) are responsible for checking spelling and grammar," said Allan.

She said she chose each item for the first edition but "it's basically whatever (ESL) students are interested in."

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Fast of Ramadan begins

By HYOJEONG KIM
Staff Writer

Once a year, all Muslims in the world fast during the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar, called the month of Ramadan. It is the holy month in which the first revelation of the Koran, the Muslim holy book, was made to the prophet Mohammed.

It begins after the new moon is sighted by any two Muslims. Depending on the weather, Ramadan may be delayed or prolonged. This year, it began on Jan. 10 as a number of people witnessed the new moon in both Canada and some Middle Eastern countries the night before. Throughout the month, all adult Muslims except the elderly, the sick and pregnant women are not allowed to eat from sunrise to sunset, and all are not allowed to drink, smoke or have sexual intercourse during this period. So, they usually have early breakfast, work without any food or drink and then have late dinner.

"It's not very difficult for me because I'm used to it," said Nasser Al-Sanabani, 20, of Yemen, a Business Administration program student.

"Some of the reasons why we fast are to learn how to control ourselves and our need, to make our bodies clear and healthier and to feel the way the poor people feel when they're hungry," said Al-Sanabani.

The last day of Ramadan, which will be either Feb. 8 or 9, comes with a celebration of the Feast of the Breaking of the Fast, *Id al-Fitr*. It is a national holiday in many Muslim countries. All members of the family get together and say a special prayer. Children receive money and candies as gifts from their parents.

"It's just like Christmas here," said Al-Sanabani. The next day, people go to a mosque and visit their relatives.

Kana Kurata, 21, of Japan, said it was "very interesting."

She said she made survey questions for the second edition with Izabela Weber, 21, of Poland, about the ESL students' English skills and interests.

"Everybody's from different culture but thinking is the same," said Kurata.

"I tried my best to make it look good," said Chia-Fung Lee, 21, of Taiwan, who designed the second edition's pages. "I think we all did a good job."

They produce one short issue for a term — 10 pages for the first edition and three pages for the second edition.

Allan said she doesn't want more pages because the students might become indifferent to their studies as a result of working on the newsletters.

It takes about four weeks to set up everything with the computer. Allan said it's a lot of work for the students.

"They are proud. They don't believe they did it."

She said she hopes to start sending the newsletters out to other departments eventually.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Animal licences benefit pets, shelter

By DEBRA BRIGHT
Staff Writer

It's that time of year again!

The Welland & District Humane Society is encouraging all dog owners to have their dogs licenced.

The purchase of dog tags not only helps to identify a lost dog, but it also provides some of the funding needed to keep the Humane Society operating.

In Welland, licencing fees are changing.

Prior to Feb. 1, the renewal fee is $25 for an unneutered dog and $15 for a neutered dog. After Feb.1, a licence for an unneutered dog is $35 or $20 for a neutered dog.

Seniors, who are 65 or older, receive a 50 per cent discount when neutering their pets.

Don Horvatch, an agent for the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said it's important to have one's cat or dog spayed or neutered in order to control the animal population.

"Figures for 1996 aren't available yet, but in 1995, 1,600 cats and 650 dogs were put to sleep at the Welland shelter," said Horvatch.

"I'm cute, cuddly and could use a good home."
Photo by Debra Bright

He said owner requests or unadopted animals were a couple of reasons why euthanasia is performed.

At the Welland shelter, strays are kept for four days before being put up for adoption.

"There is no set time that an animal can remain a tenant. The decision to put an animal down is based on whether or not the animal is old, sick or vicious," said Horvatch.

The adoption fee for cats is $20. A fee of $40 is charged if the cat has been spayed or is a purebred.

A fee of $30 is charged for dogs. If the dog has been spayed or is a purebred then the fee is $50.

Dog adoption requires the adoptee to fill out an application. A home inspection is conducted to ensure the environment is suitable.

Horvatch said the Welland shelter receives a few calls a day regarding animals that are starving, have no shelter or are being abused.

In these cases the owners are advised what to do or an order is written up to tell them what to do.

If the advice or order is not followed, it is then dealt with under the Criminal Code of Canada.

Horvatch advises pet owners to call the Humane Society if their animal is lost and to purchase their dog licence.

Another point to remember is to keep your dog leashed at all times when off your property. It's the law.

In his adoption kennel, Pongo is a six-month-old Dalmation/Blue Heeler looking for a home.
Photo by Jennifer Elliott

Helpful hints

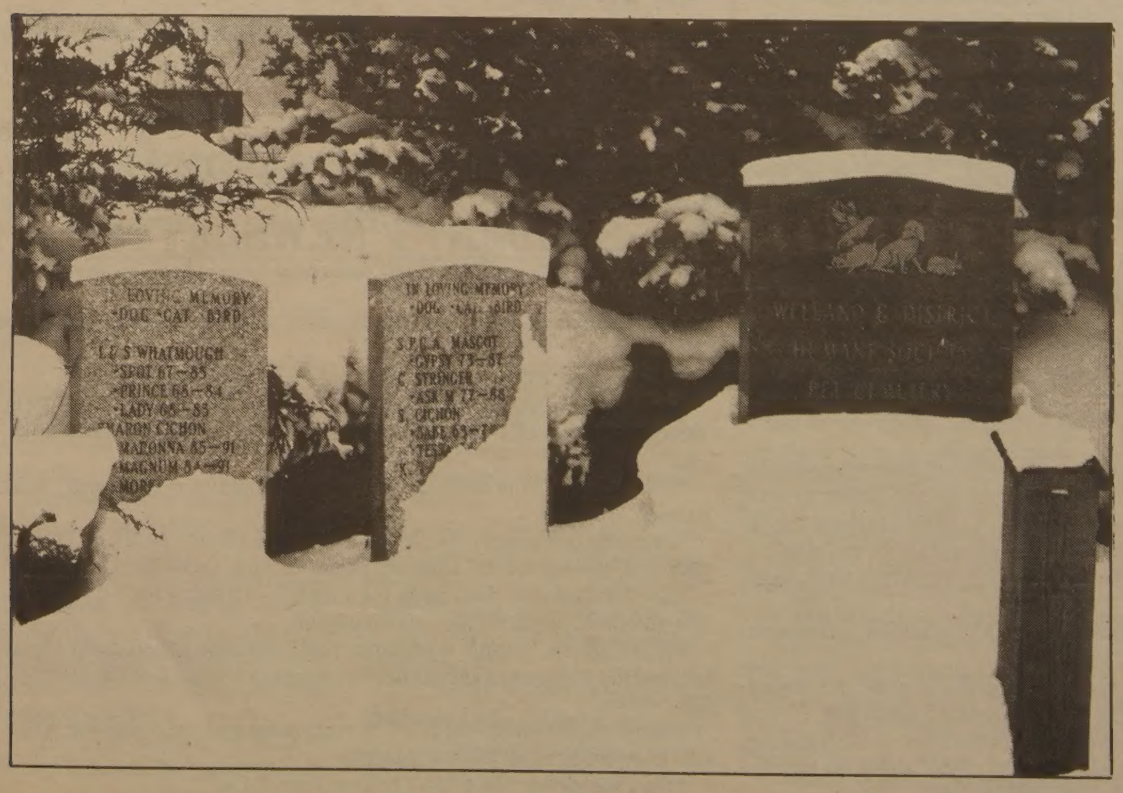
By JENNIFER ELLIOTT and HEATHER BURTON
Staff Writers

Winter tips for your pets:

1. In order to properly care for your pets, make sure outdoor animals have a warm shelter.

2. For indoor animals, wash and dry paws after a walk to rid of any salt residue or other substances such as antifreeze.

3. If you have bird feeders, never let them get empty during the winter months. The birds are dependent on that food source up until March when food becomes more available to them.



Tombstones remember the names of pets buried in the Welland Humane Society Pet Cemetery.
Photo by Owen Baggott

Humane Society volunteer Irene Mourik plays with Stubbs.
Photo by Jennifer Elliott

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Humane Society working 24 hours a day

Lincoln County Humane Society receives 10,000 calls a year

By JENNIFER ELLIOTT and HEATHER BURTON
Staff Writers

Some are given up, some are seized and some are strays.

About 7,000 animals are turned in annually to the Lincoln County Humane Society, whose motto is "We speak for those who cannot speak for themselves."

'We speak for those who cannot speak for themselves' -Humane Society motto

Of the 120 capacity, most of the animals are cats and dogs. There is no set time limit for any of the animals that come to stay with them, but most get adopted fast, says Frank Hampson, manager of the Lincoln County Humane Society.

The Society receives about 10,000 calls a year regarding animals that need rescuing. There are five vehicles on the road 24 hours a day.

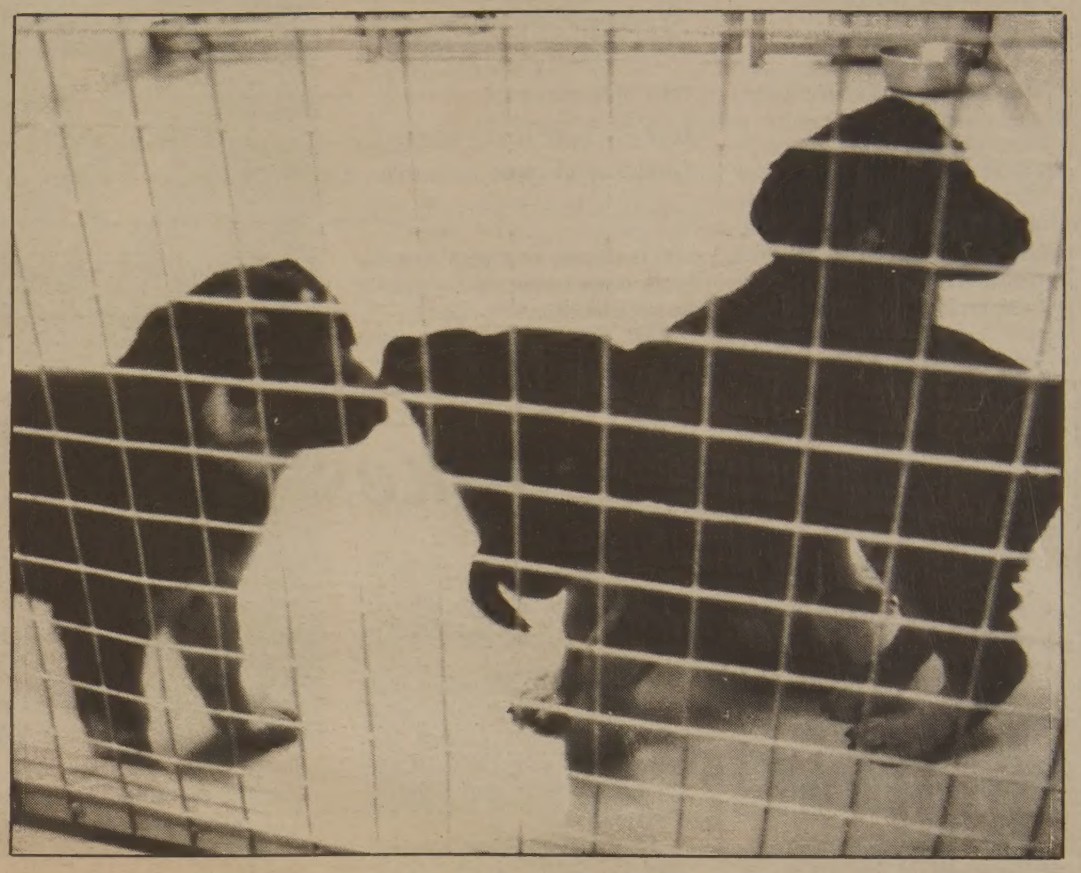
"It's that busy here that we have to be on-going all the time," says Hampson.

The adoption process consists of a few questions regarding your reasons for wanting a pet, and about yourself, almost like a "personality test."

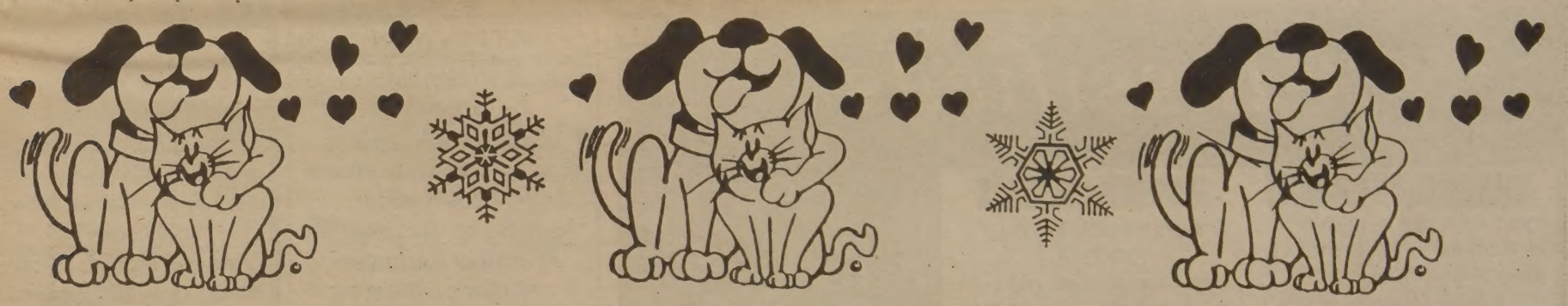
There is a small fee for adopting a pet, $25 for a dog and $15 for a cat, along with the agreement to vaccinate and neuter or spay your new furry friend.

'It's that busy here that we have to be on-going all the time' -Frank Hampson

Donations of any size are welcome always and can be made at the Lincoln County Humane Society, 160 Fourth Ave., St. Catharines. If you need any other information please contact the Humane Society at 682-0767.



Three playful German shepherd puppies give their puppy-dog eyes for the camera.
Photo by Jennifer Elliott



Generosity helps our four-legged friends.
Photo by Debra Bright

New shelter

Structure to be complete in spring

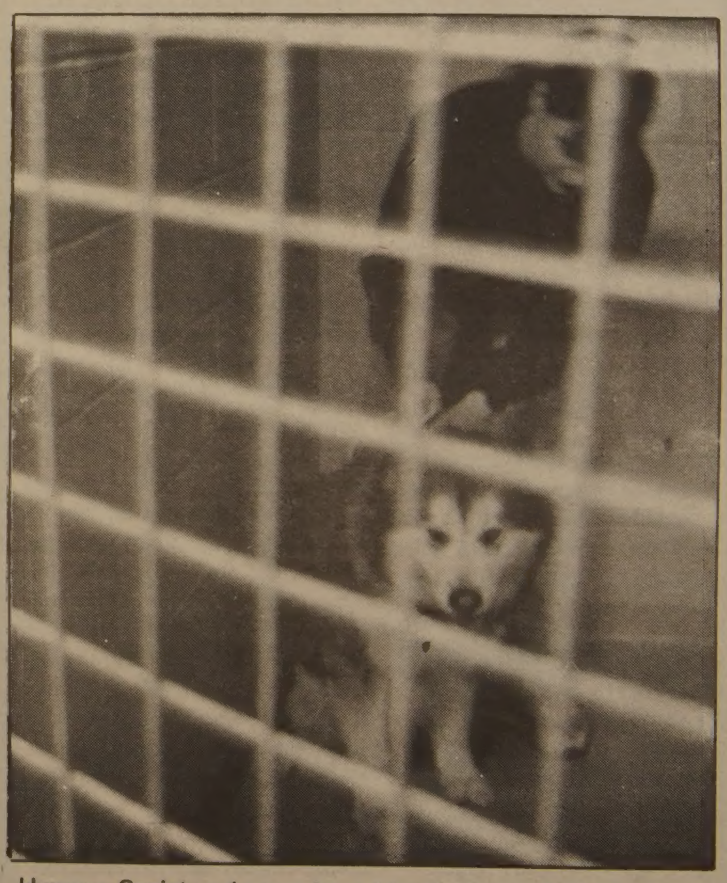
By OWEN BAGGOTT
Staff Writer

The Welland Humane Society is in the process of building a new animal shelter.

The $600,000 structure should be completed by the end of March.

The funding for the new building came from a variety of sources, including $200,000 from infrastructure dollars, another $100,000 from the federal government, $100,000 from the provincial government, while the remaining $200,000 must come from the Humane Society.

The society is accepting donations towards the new building. Anyone wanting to make a donation can watch for Humane Society change boxes around Welland, mail in a donation, or drop a donation off at any of the 60 provincial locations.



Humane Society volunteer Irene Mourik shows off this 7-year-old Alaskian Malemute.
Photo by Jennifer Elliott

ENTERTAINMENT

Kula Shaker makes a difference in reality

Eclectic sound takes this listener far away

By JASON YOUNG
Staff Writer

Imagine yourself in India, drifting lazily along the Ganges River.

The sound of oars dipping in the water lulls your mind into a surreal haze. Holy men sing praises in the distance, while a sitar's twanging can be heard along the riverbanks.

All of a sudden you witness something extraordinary. Four mop-topped Englishmen fall out of the sky complete with Marshall amplifiers and electric guitars. This scene can be likened to a chocolate bar being dipped into a jar of peanut butter; hello, Reese's Pieces.

Well, if you can combine both the elements of British pop music and the mysticism of Indian dogma, you'll get Kula Shaker.

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Their mix of angelic vocals and obsessive guitars is reminiscent of late 1960s psychedelic/progressive bands and their enthusiasm and idealism could be likened to the Renaissance period.

Kula Shaker's debut CD, simply called **K**, can be heard on alternative and classic rock stations across North America. Their first single *Tattva* is receiving much airplay and has already reached music charts everywhere.

The song-title, *Tattva*, is shortened from a Sanskrit aphorism entitled Acintya Bhedabheda Tattva meaning "the simultaneous inconceivable difference and non-difference of reality."

K

Why didn't Kula Shaker use that as the song title?

E-40 makes it to the Hall of Game

Fresh new sound from E-40

By ROBERT HALLETT
Staff Writer

Fresh from The Click.

E-40, from the group The Click, has released his eighth solo album called **Tha Hall of Game**.

E-40, a veteran Bay Area rapper, does all the lead vocals on this 16-track CD. *Rappers Ball*, the first single from the album, features Too Short and Jodeci's K-Ci.

Federal, **The Mailman**, and **In a Major Way** are three other albums E-40 has released. He also appears with The Click on **Down & Dirty** and **Games Related**.

Tha Hall of Game has two spoken word tracks called *Mack Minster* and *Pimp Talk. Mack Minister* is a 2 1/2-minute interval where Andre Dow talks about E-40. *Pimp Talk* is a 50-second interval spoken by Mike Tha Shiek.

The song *I Like What You Do To Me* features B-Legit, E40's cousin, from The Click. Sugar T., E-40's sister, is featured on the song *I Wanna Thank You*. She is also from The Click.

Growing Up features E-40's son Lil E-40.

Other artists featured on this album are: Too $hort, 2 Pac, Spice 1, Keek Tha Sneak of 3x Krazy, Harm, The Luniz, Cold 187 um, Kokane, Celly Cel, and T-Pup.

The CD was produced by Jive records and released by BMG Music. Anyone who likes Vallejo rap will like this CD.

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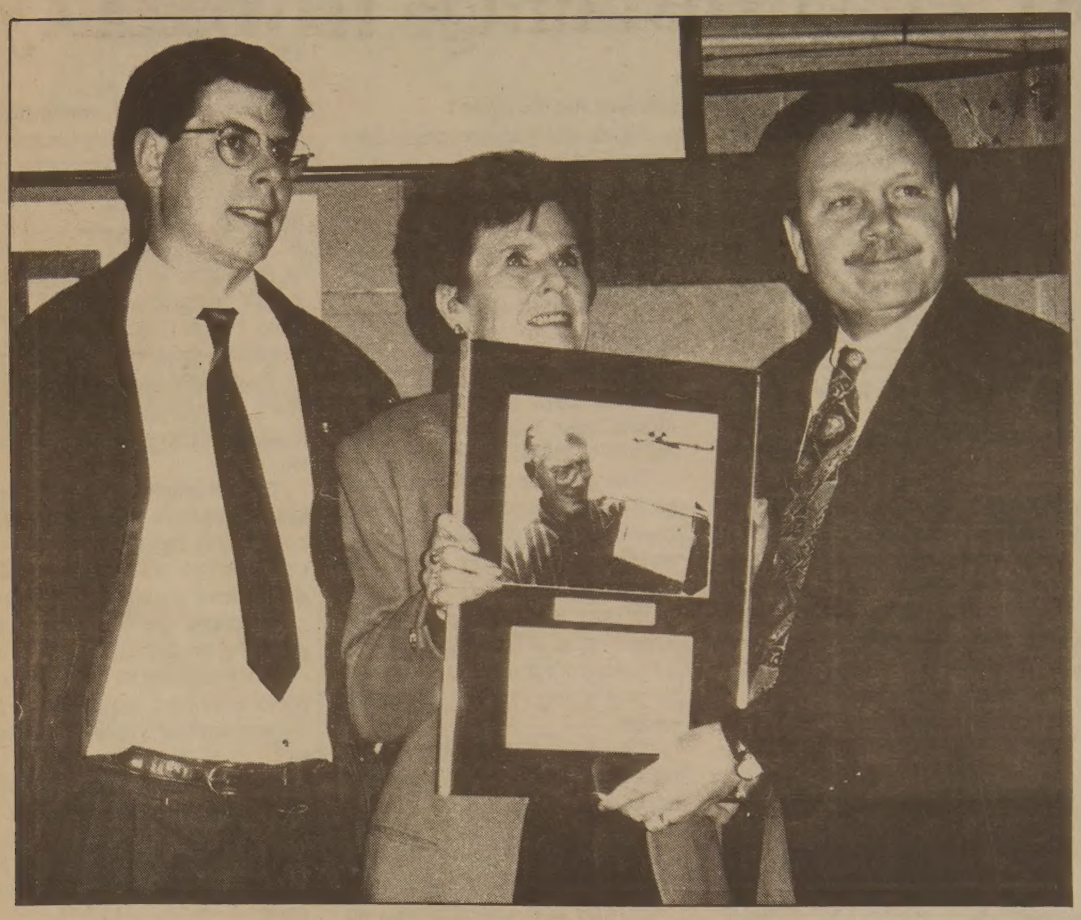

Mark Maltais, Robina Maltais and Niagara College President Dan Patterson attend a ceremony to honor Eugene Maltais at the Student Centre.

Photo by Keri-Lynn Smith

By KERI-LYNN SMITH
Staff Writer

There's been an addition to the Wall of Fame at the Welland campus Student Centre.

Eugene Maltais, a Niagara College teacher for 22 years who died Oct. 24 after a brief illness, was honored at a ceremony at After Hours on Dec. 5.

About 30 people attended the ceremony, including Eugene's wife, Robina and son, Mark.

Dave Rapleje, student life manager, introduced college teacher and close friend of Maltais, Jan Potton. Potton wrote the dedication under the photo.

She said Eugene "constantly demonstrated learning is fun," adding he "taught us about being positive."

Willard Wright, a retired college teacher and long-time friend of Eugene's, spoke of a scholarship fund established in Eugene's name. "The government of Ontario has set up a fund to match every dollar put in," he said, adding the money will go to needy students, and already "has some money in it now."

'The government of Ontario has set up a fund to match every dollar in.'

Niagara College President Dan Patterson said although he did. t have the opportunity to know Maltais, he "began to get a wonderful sense" of a special man through "newspaper testimonials."

Two pages of the Nov. 8 edition of the Niagara News featured stories about the "greatly missed teacher," who, Patterson said, had much to do with "the success of Niagara College."

Anyone interested in donating to the scholarship fund, named the Niagara College Retirees Association — Eugene Maltais Memorial Fund, can contact the Niagara College Foundation at 988-5211.

Also on the Wall of Fame are pictures and write-ups about long-time Niagara College sports coach Fred Bassi and D.J. Kenny "The Shrim Troll" Dickert. Bassi was inducted into the Boston University Hall of Fame in 1986, and Dickert, a Broadcasting, Radio, Television and Film program student, was the first student to be inducted to the wall.

King's birthday celebrated

By OWEN BAGGOTT
Staff Writer

His belief inspired generations and changed American laws on racial segregation.

Martin Luther King Jr., born Jan. 15, 1929, and his legacy are recalled in an American national holiday. Marked in the United States since 1986, it is the first Monday following King's Jan. 15 birthday. This year Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Jan. 20.

King was a third-generation Baptist minister born in Atlanta, Ga. He came from a line of ministers who believed the church had a responsibility to make people's lives better.

King became a civil rights leader in 1955 when he headed the Rosa Parks-inspired Montgomery bus boycott. The boycott led to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling banning segregation on the buses.

In 1963, King organized peaceful protests in Birmingham, Ala., forcing local business leaders and civic officials to sign an accord banning segregation in the notoriously racist city.

Later that year, King helped organize the 250,000-person strong march on Washington D.C., where he made his famous "I have a dream" speech.

King's actions in Birmingham and Washington played a role in the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The act banned discrimination in employment, secured equal access to public accommodations, and gave the federal government power to enforce these laws.

King also organized protests in Selma, Ala., which led to the creation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

Not only did King fight racism, but he opposed the Vietnam War, and campaigned for the rights of the working poor during his Poor People's Campaign.

In 1965, King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and was named *Time* magazine's Man of the Year.

Even though King was stabbed, jailed 14 times, and had his home bombed three times, he never deviated from his philosophy of non-violent protest.

King was shot and killed on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn.

After Hours assists boxing club

By JHIM BURWELL
Staff Writer

Just before Christmas, Napper's Boxing Club in Welland was given $700 from the proceeds of a fund-raiser at After Hours in October and November.

Heather Napper, wife of the late Ray Napper, and her son Jeff, accepted the cheque in the Comfort Zone on Dec. 9.

The money was raised through a raffle for a Molson's jacket.

Dave Rapelje, student life manager for Niagara College, presented the cheque. He said the pub did the fund-raiser because "it was a great opportunity for our staff to be involved in a community-based project."

Napper's Boxing Club was chosen to receive the money because of an article Rapelje saw in the newspaper.

"Mr. Napper did an amazing amount of work for the community," he said.

Mrs. Napper said the donation was "very, very kind."

"We've never had this happen before," added Jeff, who coaches at the boxing club established by his father.

Mrs. Napper said the money would be used "not for bills, but for equipment."

After Ray Napper died in September 1995, the club had some financial difficulty. "In the first 18 years nobody was made to pay dues," said Jeff.

"Ray didn't bother with dues — he just paid it himself," added Mrs. Napper. "We can put some of this money toward the kids."

"Ray's whole idea was giving back to the community and now these students are giving back too," said Mrs. Napper, referring to the pub staff and everyone who bought a ticket.

Asked how the club has been doing, Mrs. Napper said 20 youngsters use the club.

"After things like the Tyson/Holyfield fight you have a lot of people who want to box," added Jeff.

Rapelje said the success of the fund-raiser means he would "like to pursue this with each new staff" and have the money go to different groups in the community and at the college, such as the college's food bank.

New line to find children

BY JENNIFER GIBSON
Staff Writer

Now there's an easier way to find help for your children.

In September 1995 the Children's Services Information Line opened following recommendations from a focus group meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake with parents and professionals from the Niagara region.

"There are lots of agencies that deal with children's problems, but many parents didn't know where to turn for information," says Rosanna Thoms, executive director of Information Niagara.

The information line directly links the caller with the service agency the operator believes the caller needs for help with the caller's problem.

The line is funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services. It was started by the Niagara Children's Services Committee, now closed due to funding cutbacks.

Thoms says there were 688 calls from September 1995 to September 1996.

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GENERAL NEWS

Canada's best kept secret an advantage to youth

Canadian cadet organization sets objectives

By ADAM KIESWETTER
Staff Writer

In the basement of the 613 Fonthill Royal Canadian Legion, an army cadet warrant officer is reminding her class "No, your other left," after they've mismanaged a drill movement.

At the other end of the parade square, a young private is lying on the floor, stooped over a map. Deep in thought, he pushes his green beret back on his forehead and says with a sigh, "Sir, can you check this?"

It's a busy night here at the 613 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps. There was a recruiting drive the previous weekend at the Seaway Mall in Welland, and aside from the drill and orienteering classes, their hall is full with parents and potential cadets, all looking for more information.

"We say it's Canada's best-kept secret," says Capt. George Ledwon, the corps' commanding officer.

"This weekend at the mall, people couldn't believe what we had to offer and that they weren't aware of it, and tonight shows it. After advertising for just two days, we've got a line up of people looking for information," he says.

"It gives them a feeling of belonging," says former cadet warrant officer Paul Bell, 21, who is a civilian instructor with the corps.

"It makes them feel good about themselves. A lot of kids my age were getting into trouble, and cadets helped us keep off the streets.

"I've repelled from rock cliffs, fired different rifles, been to all kinds of competitions . . . I got to do a lot of things that other kids never had the chance to do," says Bell.

There are nearly 60,000 tri-service (army, sea, and air) cadets across Canada, all adhering to the objectives set out by the Canadian Cadet Organization, to help foster citizenship, leadership, and physical fitness.

In addition to participating in community events, attending city parades and roughing it on camping excursions, cadets are taught Canadian history, public speaking, citizenship, leadership, community living, field and bush craft, marksmanship and weapons handling, first aid, outdoor survival, music, and drill.

'They turn out to be better people overall.' -Ledwon

Cadets are also given the opportunity to attend summer camps, where they study outdoor survival, leadership, drill, marksmanship, and band techniques. They even travel abroad and attend courses in places like the United Kingdom, Germany, and Scotland.

Ledwon says the cadets often become quite involved with their corps, adding however, "the priority is school, and we stress that factor.

"We find that a cadet that does well within the corps pulls the marks up at school. One seems to complement the other."

"It basically teaches them discipline, and gives them a taste of the military," says Bryan Lachapelle, 17, the corps chief warrant officer. "It definitely makes better citizens out of them.

'It gives them a feeling of belonging.' -Bell

"You learn respect for your elders," says Lachapelle, who has been in cadets since he was 13.

"You get more self-discipline and great organizational skills, you learn how to properly organize your life, and how to take orders, and how to give them eventually."

Tiffany Karey, 12, says she joined because her step-brother is a master corporal at the corps, and he was always telling her about cadets.

"I get to yell," she says. "I like the bush too, and I want to travel. I hope to go to England.

"I tell my friends about it. I told my best friend about it and now she's here too. I have a lot of fun."

Ledwon says cadets is also an excellent place for young people to find their role models because it's the senior cadets who teach all the junior cadets and who basically run the corps.

"When a young person comes in, looking at the senior cadets they say to themselves 'I want to get there, I want to be that person.'"

A career soldier who retired from the Canadian Armed Forces after 21 years, Ledwon has been the commanding officer of the corps for two years.

"My rewards are when I see these kids come back many years after being in the cadet corps, in prominent business positions because of the leadership training they gained at the corps, the confidence they gained at the corps.

"They turn out to be better people overall, and that's one of the biggest paybacks to the community."

The 613 Royal Canadian Army Cadet's meet at the Branch 613 Fonthill Legion on Highway 20, at 6:30 every Wednesday evening. For more information call (905) 892-8208.

A perfect host in 2001

By HEATHER BURTON
Staff Writer

The Niagara Region is in the top three.

The Niagara Region was one of three municipalities recommended by the provincial government on Dec. 20 to host the Canada Games 2001.

Ottawa and London are also vying to host the sporting event held in August 2001.

A provincial site selection committee made the recommendation to the federal government.

A federal site selection committee will visit the Niagara Region in April to tour the facilities proposed for the event.

Lyn Russo, Niagara College's director of communications and planning, is a member of the community relations/media committee for Team Niagara.

"I know that the (provincial) site selection committee was extremely pleased with the facilities," says Russo.

The Canada Games 2001 will be incorporated into Niagara College programs such as Law and Security Administration, Cultural Resources Management, and Tours & Attractions among others.

Team Niagara, a committee of 100 volunteers, has adopted the concept of "showing the region and not just the games," Russo said in a previous interview.

"A couple of real advantages is that we did it as a region. We have a francophone community which is extremely important because this is a national games."

Things unique to Niagara such as the natural landscape and vegetation were emphasized with assistance from the Niagara Parks Commission and the Niagara Horticultural Society.

About 4,600 athletes and 2,000 officials and visitors will stay in the region for the two-week period of the games.

The event, which is guaranteed to make a profit, will be run with the aid of 8,000 volunteers.

"Demonstrating community involvement was extremely important last time and it will be demonstrated even in a larger way to prove the people will back you in what you are doing," said Russo.

The Canada Games Council will announce the host municipality in June.

SWAP for a new experience

By SHELLEY PARKES
Staff Writer

If you are looking for a job a little different than what you might find around your home town, or even Canada, SWAP may interest you.

The Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) is a chance to experience a new culture while living and working in another country.

"It is an established program to assist college and university students in working abroad. It has been around for a while," said Janet Forfar from Employment Services at Niagara College, Welland campus. "It is temporary work for the summer rather than helping find work after graduation."

Participants must find their own employment, but the program will arrange for a "working holiday visa" so they can start working immediately.

Participants, depending on the country they apply to, can set up employment before leaving Canada if the resources are available, or wait until arriving in the new country.

There are 14 countries to choose from, with co-operators in each to t-shirts and I.D. cards, to identify program members.

The 1997 Canadian Federation of Students booklet states SWAP is "Canada's largest exchange programme with over 21 years experience in helping Canadians enjoy great travels overseas in an easy, flexible and affordable way."

'It's temporary work for the summer.'-Forfar

Depending on the country of choice, the lengths of stay run from three months to two years.

For more information about SWAP, visit the Employment Services office in S101 at the Welland campus or the main office of the St. Catharines campus.

Short-term retention strategy

By HEATHER BURTON
Staff Writer

Niagara College is developing ways to put an end to student dropouts.

Registrar Al Vaughan, Director of Access and Student Success Brigitte Chiki and Carol Boettcher, vice-president of community and learner services, have pooled their insight and research to develop various strategies to encourage Niagara College students to stay in school.

A few short-term retention strategies in the pilot stage are expansion of orientation, mandatory attendance audit, and mandatory mid-term progress reports.

By expanding the orientation program from the present two-day format to a June to October program, the committee will implement on-campus visits, help desks, pre-college sessions in study skills, placement tests and extensive and varied social programming.

In the student success and retention presentation package, the committee stated "research shows that a large percentage of (students are worn out) by the sixth week of classes." A mandatory collegewide attendance audit, which is in the pilot stages for January, would help monitor this.

The third strategy of mandatory mid-term progress reports will ensure that "students receive concrete feedback about their progress, or lack of it." Intervention based on the progress reports "should be proactive and intrusive," states the presentation package.

Questions on previous computer training, ancestry and program choices are asked on the 37-question survey.

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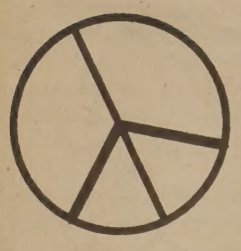

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Chin up Leo

By PENNI TONEGUZZO
and KERI-LYNN SMITH
Staff Writers

Here are your horoscopes for the weekend of Jan. 17.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Be careful when making decisions for a child. A little mistake may cause a big problem. Lucky numbers: 6, 85.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You have a lot of money coming your way. Don't spend it on silly things. Think of your future. Lucky numbers: 2, 31.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Try to be supportive to your friends. They seem to be very sensitive this week. Give a helping hand. Lucky numbers: 5, 21.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your energy seems to be running wild. Calm yourself soon or trouble will interact your vibrant life. Lucky numbers: 15, 43.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your love life is very active. Listen to your heart before making any final decisions. Lucky numbers: 19, 62.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Your other personality is trying to break free. Let nature take over and stop worrying about it. Just be yourself. Lucky numbers: 2, 59.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

A small change in attitude can equal big changes in your life. You're worth the effort. Lucky numbers: 3, 18.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

All your hard work will pay off. Keep your chin up and you'll be duly rewarded. Lucky numbers: 8, 17.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Remember you are what you eat. Keep a careful eye on your health. Lucky numbers: 23, 34.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Have you considered a magazine subscription? Reading can give you a whole new perspective. Lucky numbers: 20, 50.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Use some of that high energy toward a specific goal. Positive, focused use of energy will be rewarding. Lucky numbers: 11, 64.

Sagitarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You've been sitting on a great idea. What are you afraid of? Let loose. Lucky numbers: 23, 46.

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Christmas wish comes true for the college

By JHIM BURWELL
Staff Writer

It was a Merry Christmas for Niagara College.

The Niagara College Capital Fund received $27,000 from three major banks in the two weeks before Christmas.

The Bank of Montreal, the Royal Bank and the Toronto Dominion offered the college's capital campaign financial support.

A $12,000 cheque Niagara received from the Bank of Montreal on Dec. 13 was the first instalment of the bank's $60,000 pledge to the college.

"The Bank of Montreal's involvement with Niagara College stems from a corporate priority as a bank to . . . the life-long learning process, which is critical to people being productive throughout their lifetime as it relates to their job," John Potts, the Bank of Montreal's flagship manager for the Niagara Peninsula, said in a press release issued by the college.

The presentation was made by Ken MacPherson, community banking manager, Bank of Montreal Niagara Central and Lin Benway, senior account manager.

"The bank also recognizes the college's importance to the Niagara Region as a primary education facility," said Potts.

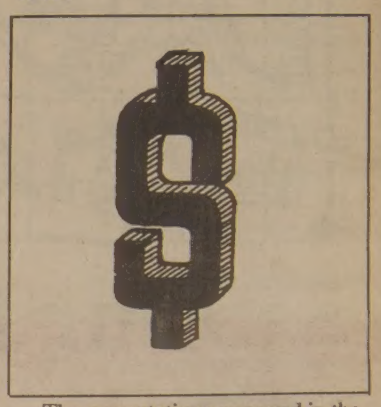
A pledge of $60,000 was made to Niagara College by the Royal Bank when Ron Buffett, area manager, Niagara, personal and financial services, and Don Davidson, manager, Niagara Business Banking, presented the first instalment of $12,000 on Dec. 19.

"The Royal Bank is always looking for ways and means to assist institutions . . . by seriously looking at their capital campaigns," said Buffet in the announcement released by Niagara College. "We're very proud of our partnership (with the college) and impressed with the work being done at all the college's campuses."

On Dec. 20, Brian Stewart, vice-president and regional manager of the Toronto Dominion Bank, presented Niagara with $3,000 of the $15,000 pledge from his bank.

"Toronto Dominion and Trust is pleased to offer its financial support to the Niagara College Foundation," said Stewart in the college release announcing their support. "We recognize that Niagara College is an important player in the community in terms of developing our leaders and entrepreneurs of the future."

The Niagara College Capital Campaign is raising funds to build the college's Glendale campus in Niagara-on-the-Lake and renovate the Welland campus. Construction is ongoing at the new site, which is expected to open in September 1998.



The presentations occurred in the Niagara College board room at the Welland campus, with Niagara College President Dan Patterson and Don Johnston, vice-chair and CEO of the Niagara College Foundation, accepting the cheques.

Patterson said the donations "demonstrate that businesses like the (banks) believe in what we're doing at Niagara College." The college is looking forward to their "continued support and partnership and we know that the (banks are) committed to the college's long-term goals."

Wintertime fun

Two kids are enjoying the snow at Chippawa Park in Welland.

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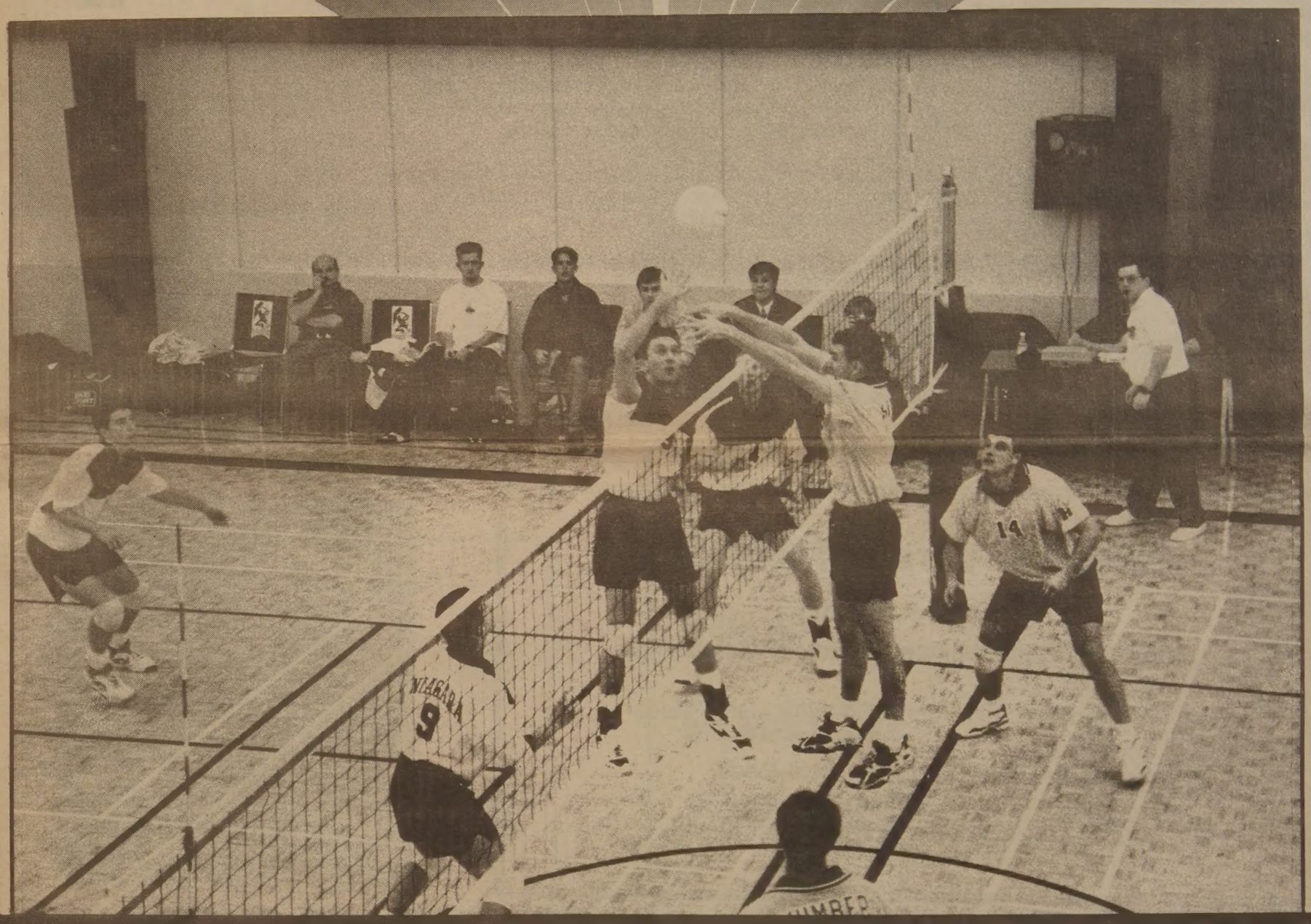

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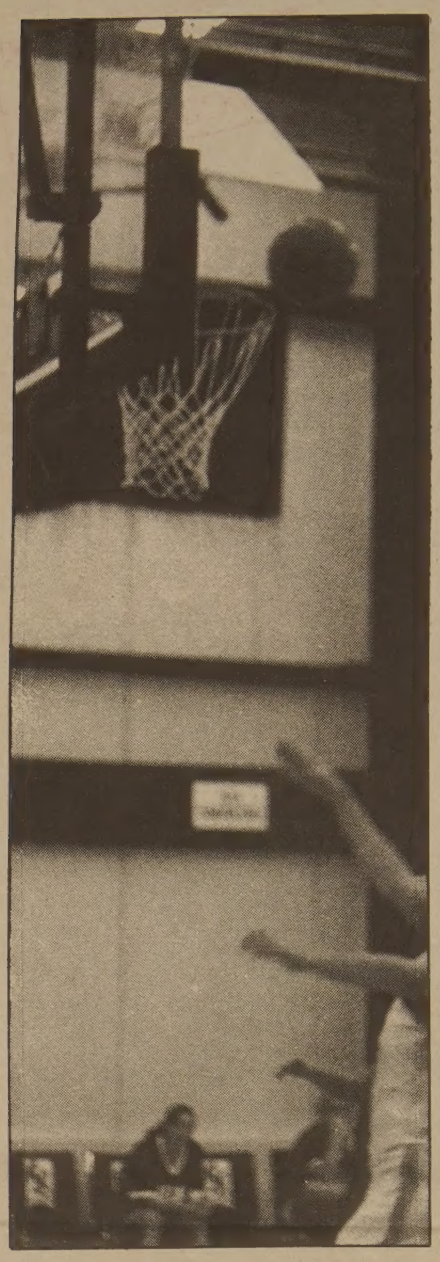

A resounding cheer for our athletes and staff

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We have had many athletic champions over the years who deserve to be specially recognized and the banners in our gym are an impressive testament to past accomplishments.

But I would like to salute everyone who is involved in our athletics programs . . . because you're all winners.

Dan Patterson, President

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri. Jan. 17	***Humber College at Niagara***	***6:00 p.m.***
Sat. Jan. 18	Niagara at Niagara C.C. College (Ex)	12:00 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 24	***Mohawk College at Niagara***	***6:00 p.m.***
Sat. Jan. 25	ALLSTAR GAME at Durham College	TBA
Fri. Jan. 31	***St. Clair College at Niagara***	***600 p.m.***
Wed. Feb. 5	***Redeemer College at Niagara***	***8:00 p.m.***
Fri. Feb. 7	***Seneca at Niagara***	***7:00 p.m.***
Sat. Feb. 8	Niagara at Sault College	12:00 p.m.
Tue. Feb. 11	Niagara at Mowhawk College	6:00p.m.
Sat. Feb. 15	***Durham College at Niagara***	***1:00 p.m.***
Mon. Feb. 17	Niagara at George Brown College	6:00 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 21	***Fanshawe College at Niagara***	***6:00 p.m.***
Fri. - Sat. Feb. 28 - Mar1	OCAA Quarter Finals	TBA
Fri. - Sat. Mar. 7 - 8	OCAA Championships at Seneca College, Toronto	
Thurs., Fri., Sat. Mar. 20, 21, 22	CCAA Championships at Langara College, B.C.	

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fri. Jan. 17	Niagara at St. Clair College	7:00 p.m.
Sat. Jan. 18	Niagara at Lambton College	2:00 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 24	***Mohawk College at Niagara***	***8:00 p.m.***
Sat. Jan. 25	ALLSTAR GAME at Durham College	TBA
Fri. Jan. 31	***St. Clair College at Niagara***	***8:00 p.m.***
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Tue. Feb. 11	Niagara at Mowhawk College	8:00p.m.
Fri. Feb. 21	***Fanshawe College at Niagara***	***8:00 p.m.***
Fri. - Sat. Feb. 28 - Mar. 1	OCAA Divisional Finals at TBA	Fri. - Sat.
Fri. - Sat Mar. 7 - 8	OCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS at Algonquin College (Ottawa)	
Thurs. Fri & Sat. Mar. 20, 21, 22	CCAA at Langara College, B.C.	Mar. 20, 21, 22

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Fri. - Sat. Feb. 7 - 8	OCAA REGIONALS AT ***WELLAND CURLING CLUB***	TBA
Fri., Sat., Sun. 21, 22, 23	OCAA Championships at Seneca College, Toronto	

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Sat. Jan. 18	ALLSTAR MATCH at Mowhawk College	TBA
Wed. Jan. 22	Niagara at Mowhawk	8:00 p.m.
Thurs. Jan. 23	Niagara at Genesee College (Ex)	7:00 p.m.
Wed. Jan. 29	Niagara at Humber College	8:00 p.m.
Fri. Jan. 31	***Georgian College at Niagara***	***6:00 p.m.***
Sat. Feb. 1	Niagara at Seneca Invitational (Ex)	TBA
Wed. Feb. 5	Niagara at Redeemer College	8:00 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 8	***Mowhawk College at Niagara***	***4:00 p.m.***
Fri. Feb. 14	***Seneca College at Niagara***	***7:00 p.m.***
Sat., Sun., Mon. Feb. 15 - 17	OCAA Quarter Finals	TBA
Fri. - Sat. Feb. 21 - 22	OCAA Championships at Cambrian College, Sudbury	
Thurs., Fri., Sat. Mar. 6, 7, 8	CCAA Championships at Maisonneauve College, P.Q.	

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Sat. Feb. 15	OCAA PRE-FINALS at Sheridan College	TBA
Fri. - Sat. Feb. 21 - 22	OCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS at Cambrian College, Sudbury	
Thurs., Fri., Sat. Mar. 6, 7, 8	CCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS at Bois de Boulogne, P.Q.	

MEN'S INDOOR SOCCER

Fri. - Sat. Mar. 7 - 8	OCAA Regionals at Conestoga College, Ancaster	
Fri. - Sat. Mar. 21 - 22	OCAA Championships at Centennial College, Scarborough	

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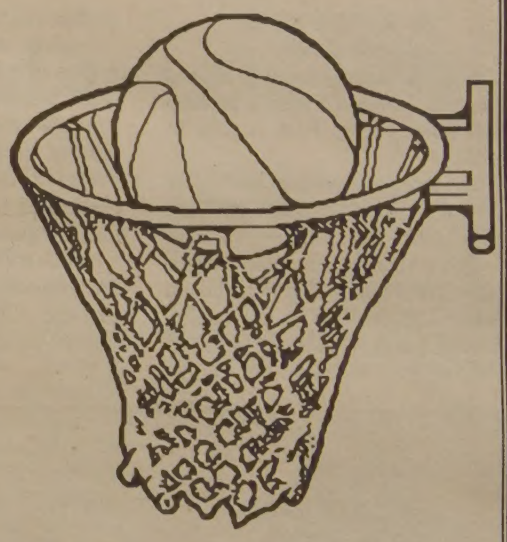

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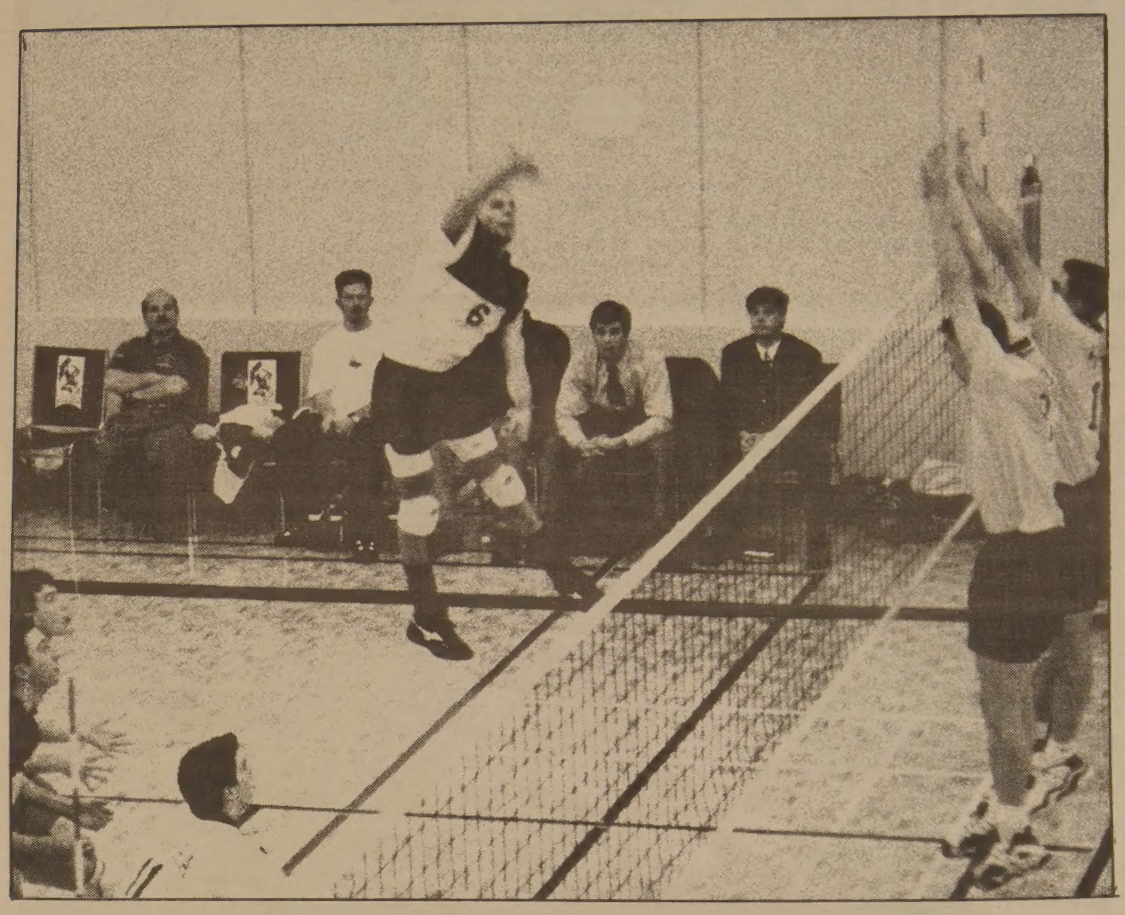
Niagara volleyball winning streak snapped



Niagara team leader Pat Deschambeault spikes the ball during their game against Humber.
Photo by Randy Syer

Men lose to Humber

By RANDY SYER
Staff Writer

The men's volleyball team's four game winning streak comes to an end.

Niagara hosted the Humber Hawks of Etobicoke on Jan. 9 and lost three straight games (15-2, 15-6, 15-5) in front of a capacity crowd.

"It doesn't mean that much for the rest of the season, it's only our first loss," said team captain Pat Deschambeault.

He said the loss was "no big deal" because they will meet Humber again later in the season.

Deschambeault led the Niagara attack by scoring eight points, but Niagara was out shot by Humber 37-26.

Other high scorers were Kerby Bentley who had seven and Paul Clark added five in the game.

"We really didn't do too many things good," said Deschambeault. "We didn't earn too many points ourselves, they gave them to us."

Head coach Blair Cudmore, who will be coaching the west region in the all-star game, said Niagara has a lot of work to move up and this will be a set back.

"It'll take us probably two weeks mentally to recover from it," said Cudmore.

He said they were "ill prepared" and his team was too pumped up and couldn't relax.

Deschambeault, who was selected to play in the all-star game along with Clark, said the defeat was "a bit of a wake-up call" for the team.

"I feel a lot of guys are starting to let the 4-0 go to their heads. It happens, you win some, you lose some," said Deschambeault. "But it's no deal. We still have the rest of the season and only one loss on our side."

Cudmore said "it would have been nice" to see more consistency in the serving and passing games.

"We were hoping to do a number on them tonight and it was a reverse," said Cudmore. "We need confidence though, and we'll have to go find it."

The league's all-star game is tomorrow at Mohawk College in Hamilton. Niagara's next home game is Friday, Jan. 31 against Georgian College from Barrie.

Men's basketball newcomer helps defeat Redeemer

By RANDY SYER
Staff Writer

It was a newcomer who helped Niagara College's men's basketball team get its first victory in 1997.

The Knights defeated Redeemer College in Ancaster 106-63 on Jan. 8.

"It's a nice way to come back to our second half," said head coach Randy Conlon. "We were 0-2 going into the break. This is one out of 10 we have to win, nine more to go."

Conlon said Niagara's ultimate goal is to win all 10 of their games in the second half of the season.

Niagara received a late Christmas present in the services of big man David Phillips, who scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in his first game for the Knights.

"With adding David to our lineup, with the two Mikes (Harris and Hurley), Derek (Flindall), and (Steve) Dever, I think our starting five will go with anybody in the league," said Conlon.

Team captain Flindall said the two new additions of Hurley and Phillips will bring the team intensity and experience.

"They mean a lot, Dave Phillips is a great player and Mike Hurley is just a phenomenal player," said Flindall.

Conlon said his ultimate goal for the team is to win the next 10 games and go 10-2 for the season.

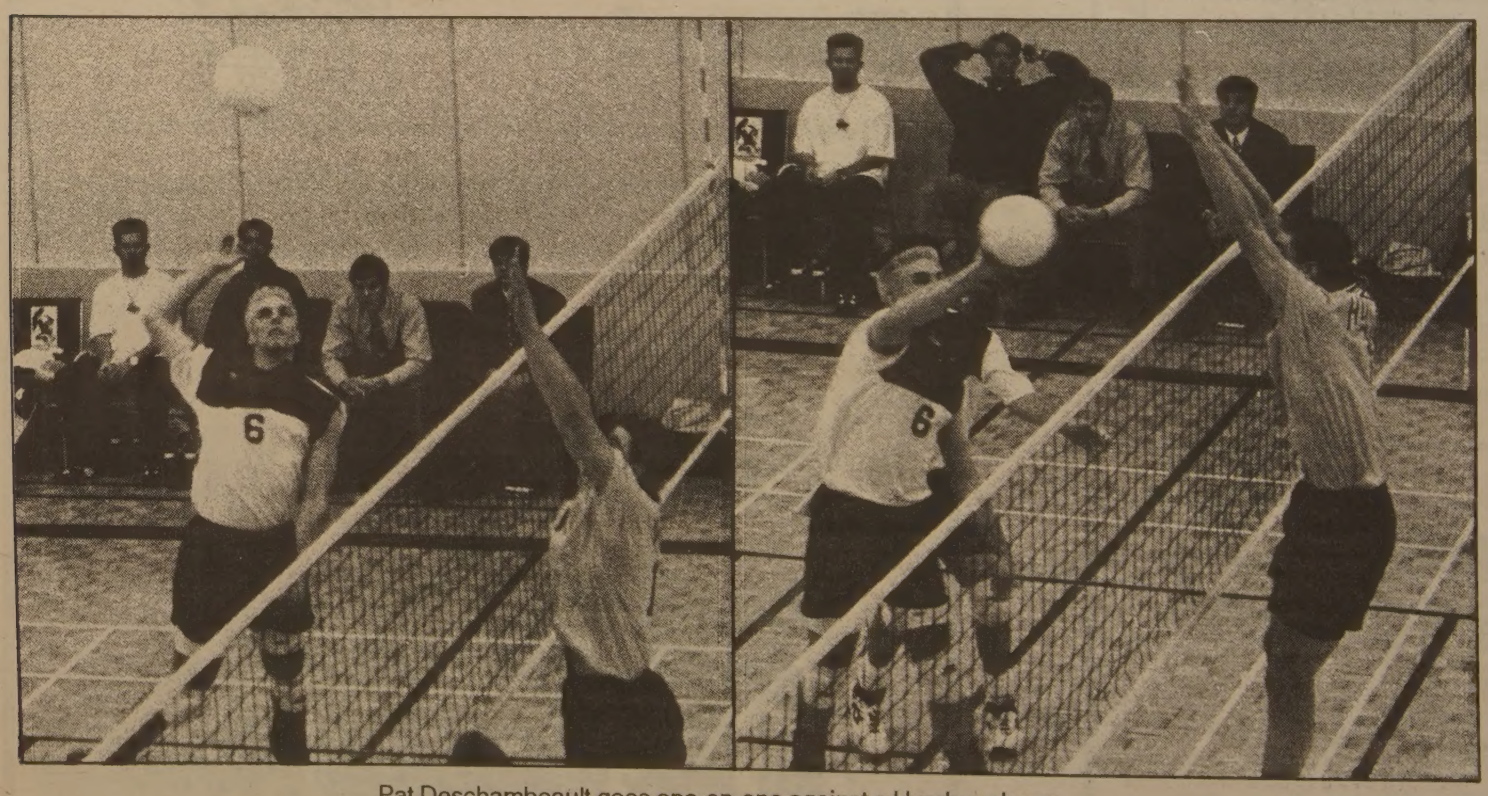
"What the win means is it's a stepping stone to get everybody more motivated," said Flindall. "And try to play harder and with more intensity."

The leading scorer in the game for Niagara was Harris, who scored 26 points, including draining five three-pointers.

"Mike Harris has got to be one of the best players in the league," said Conlon. "He's playing some great basketball for us."

Other top scorers for Niagara were Jerry Ferguson who scored 15 points off the bench, while Hurley scored 12 points.

"Basically what it comes down to is we have to win nine out of 10 games for us to make the playoffs," said Flindall, adding "to reach our ultimate goal which is the Ontario finals than ultimately the Canadian finals."



Pat Deschambeault goes one-on-one against a Humber player.

Photo by Randy Syer

Women's basketball team beats Redeemer

By PENNI TONEGUZZO
Staff Writer

The Niagara College women's basketball team has started the new year off strongly.

The women defeated Redeemer College of Ancaster 53-27 on Jan. 8.

Manie Roy was the top scorer with 37 points. Stephanie Kranjec added six points, Stephanie Lawson, four, and Michelle Pring and Andrea Flindall added two each.

The Knights stayed focused, having only 16 fouls in the game.

The women play their next home game tonight against Humber College from Etobicoke at 6 p.m. They play Saturday at noon against Niagara Community College from Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The team plays against Mohawk College from Hamilton here on Friday, Jan. 24 at 6 p.m.

People person Conlon hits the road

Basketball coach mixes sports with college liaison

By RANDY SYER
Staff Writer

Randy Conlon and Niagara College go hand in hand.

Conlon has worked for the college since 1991 as a secondary school liaison officer. Add that to the Journalism-Print program diploma he received from Niagara College, and the two are inseparable.

"I've been involved with Niagara College in one way or another for 10 years," said Conlon, 28. "Pretty much my whole life is in this place."

Conlon said his job involves providing information about programs and services offered here to high school students throughout Ontario.

He also works as the head coach of Niagara's men's basketball team and men's touch football team.

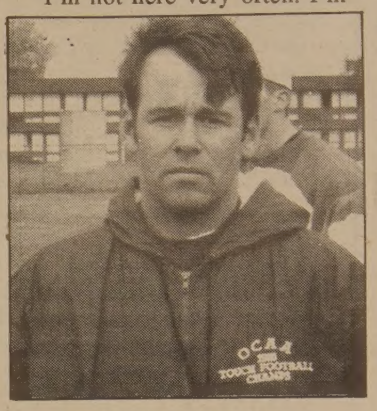
"Well, coaching is a job in a sense; basically I get paid, not very much mind you, but that's not why I do it."

Conlon said he could make coaching a full-time job and he could "easily" put 40 hours a week into coaching "through recruiting and development of the program."

"Obviously in a small college in Ontario, Canada, it's not feasible," he said.

Conlon's job is unique in that he never does the same thing each day and said he likes his job because he is meeting different people every day.

"I'm not here very often. I'm travelling a lot, which is great because I'm doing different things and meeting different people."



RANDY CONLON

Conlon said he is not stuck in the office all day which suits him. "Probably because I'm so intense," he added.

"I'm always wound up so it's great being out and around and presenting to people," said Conlon. "I don't know how it happened, it just worked out very well."

He said the most important aspect about a job is the people you work with.

"If you don't like the people you work with no matter how good the job is, I don't think you can be happy." said Conlon. "I, for the most part, like the people I work with."

Conlon said in addition to your colleagues the students are important because "without the students we wouldn't be here."

"I think that's the attitude that everyone has to understand: students come first."

His hours are demanding. He said that in the fall he works 75-80 hours per week, and by spring they drop to about 50 hours per week.

His fall hours are not only due to his work for the college, but also his coaching.

Conlon said he likes coaching because of the challenge and the camaraderie. "I love team sports," he added.

"The challenge of getting 12 to 13 guys working together as one is a tremendous challenge," he said. "And once in a while your team will play a perfect game or close to a perfect game and that feeling in my mind, you can't beat. It's a great feeling."

Although Conlon works long hours for the college, he does find time for his personal life which includes his wife of 1 1/2 years.

"The big interest in my life is spending time with my wife," Conlon said. "We like to travel in our summers just to get away.

"She's a teacher so most of our vacations are in the summer. We spend a lot of time together in the summer."

As for other interests, Conlon said he is a "sports junky" and on most days he reads every story on the sports page. "I don't care if it's on yachting. I'll read it," he said.

He plays touch football and slo-pitch in the summer and would like to play men's league basketball but, "it runs concurrent with my team," said Conlon.

Conlon said his next step in life would be to start a family and "just to continue on."

"We're going to have a couple of kids in the next few years. Hopefully, I'll have the same influence on them as my parents had on me regardless if they play sports or not."

"I'd like to keep this job I'm doing for about 20-25 more years," said Conlon. "I want to keep working at everything until I get it right."

Manie Roy captures top athlete of the week award

By RANDY SYER
Staff Writer

A Niagara College woman has won athlete of the week honors.

Manie Roy, 20, of St. Catharines, was awarded the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association (OCAA) athlete of the week award for Jan. 6 to 10.

Roy scored 37 points in a 53-37 Niagara win against Redeemer College of Ancaster.

She raised her average from 16.3 points per game (ppg) to 19.5 ppg, which placed her first in the OCAA's West Region.

"Manie is definitely the leader on the court as her teammates rely on her to make shots," said Ray Sarkis, Niagara's athletic director, in a press release from the OCAA.

Roy is a General Arts and Science program student. She was last season's Most Valuable Player on the women's basketball team as well as Niagara's freshman athlete of the year.

She was an OCAA second team all-star in 1995-96 and will be representing Niagara at this year's all-star game.

This is Niagara College's first OCAA athlete of the week award.

Canada strikes hockey gold

By RANDY SYER
Staff Writer

O'Canada.

There are 10 seconds left in the gold medal game between Canada and the United States in the world junior hockey tournament. Canada is leading 2-0 and looking to hold on to the victory.

As you watch the seconds tick away, the feeling of what being Canadian is all about sets in.

Although you probably don't know anybody personally on the team, you still you feel special — special to be Canadian.

What is it about international sports that brings us closer as a nation? Is it the grit and guts our athletes show in international play that make us feel proud of where we're from, or is it the no one that came from some small town nobody ever heard of who brings our land prominence?

Who knows what it is, but the fact is as a nation we tend to forget about the negative issues that plague our country such as the deficit and unemployment. We focus our attention on the individual or team that has triumphed on this particular day.

Who better to be victorious than Canada's hockey program.

After the disappointing finish at the World Cup, the junior Canadians took upon themselves to see that the world knew hockey was Canada's game.

These 17-to-19-year-old high school students played the game most dream about playing. From Boxing Day to just after New Year's Day, the young men of the Canadian Hockey League are selected to represent our country.

As a hockey player, I too dreamed of playing for our country when I was a kid, but like most, I never had the chance to represent Canada. However, every Boxing Day I'll sit on my couch and cheer when they score and complain when they do something wrong.

When the clock finally hit zero and the pile of Canadian players swarmed the ice as Canada won gold, it was as if I was living my hockey dreams through these kids.

I'll probably never cheer for any of these hockey players once they hit the professional leagues, but for a week I did and they made me proud to be 100 per cent Canadian.

College teams up and down in 1996

By RANDY SYER
Staff Writer

Niagara College athletics have mixed results in the first half of the school year.

In varsity sports, it was a good start for some while others struggled out of the gate.

There was no stopping the Niagara men's volleyball team as they started the fall season on a tear.

The Knights' volleyball team posted a record of four wins and no losses, which ranked the team 14th in the nation.

"Although, we are nationally ranked we still have a lot of progressing to do," said Blair Cudmore, who has been selected to coach in the league's all-star game Saturday night at Mohawk College in Hamilton.

Pat Deschambeault, the team's captain, ranked second in the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association (OCAA) Western Region scoring, averaging four points a game (ppg). Paul Clark ranked sixth in the OCAA's West, averaging 3.3 ppg, while rookie Kerby Bentley averaged 3.1 ppg. He is tied for eighth in the West with five others.

Niagara's women's volleyball were not as lucky as the men in 1996, finishing with a record of no wins and four losses.

"We are still trying to find our groove," said head coach Carolyn Schatz. "But we could've played better."

Schatz said it was a question of her team wanting to win more.

The top scorer on the team was Laura Chatterton, who averaged 3.1 ppg placing her sixth in the OCAA's Western Region. Chatterton is an all-star selection for Niagara College.

There wasn't much celebrating going on in the women's basketball locker room in 1996 as the team finished a dismal 1-3.

However, head coach Brian Bleich was named to coach for the OCAA Western Region in the all-star game on Jan. 25 at Durham College in Oshawa.

Along with Bleich, Andrea Flindall and Manie Roy were selected to represent Niagara for the West.

Roy finished 1996 third in the West in scoring with 16.3 ppg, while Flindall averaged 13 ppg placing her eighth.

Stephanie Kranjec was selected to be Niagara's representative for the league's three-point shooting contest at the all-star game.

The Niagara men's basketball team are looking to start 1997 off better than they did 1996 where they went 0-2.

Niagara was led in scoring by all-star selection Mike Harris who averaged 21.5 ppg.

"We don't have a killer instinct. I have a team that doesn't know how to win," said head coach Randy Conlon.

He said Niagara has to learn how to play as a team, while some players have to come and play every night.

"You can use any cliche you want," said Conlon. "We're in a hole and we have to win eight or nine games out of 10 to make the playoffs."

Mike Hurley finished 1996 in eighth in OCAA West standings, averaging 16.5 ppg. Steve Dever also finished in the top 10 in scoring with 15 ppg, placing him ninth.

It was a disappointing tournament season for the two fall tournament sports. Niagara's golf team finished seventh in its only tournament in early September.

In other tournament play, Niagara's men's touch football team lost the first place trophy which they held for three straight years and settled for third in the OCAA, receiving a bronze medal for their efforts.

League all-star for Niagara football was Larry Bone on offense who scored four touchdowns in two tournaments.

Gerald Dixon took home Niagara's defensive all-star selection with 11 sacks in two games.

AFTER THE GAME

Mahones rise again

By ADAM KIESWETTER
Staff Writer

Work sucked today. I'm drunk on cheap whisky here in the seediest bar in town, and I've got a black eye.

But there's no sulking here. The music bouncing and sweaty, we're all on our feet, dancing, hooting and hollering, hopping and stomping the floor boards. I'm spilling whisky down the side of my face as I hug a mate and boot over a table — singing, shouting for all to hear *"One more round!"*

This is the world of The Mahones, and what a merry world it is.

Take out the sleeve and read the lyrics, and then you'll know why Kingston's Celtic kings named their new album **Rise Again**.

While the yearning voice of raspy lead singer Finny McConnell speaks of troubled times, it's uplifting and tells a tale of heroic drunken debauchery and rough, rowdy merriment, Celtic style.

The music is solid and splashes about, just like the flowing rye they're apparently so fond of. Despite the lyrics, this music is generally very happy sounding (no doubt the result of a busy collection of fun instruments that typically aren't appreciated by most mainstream, generation Y brooders, such as the mandolin, banjo, accordion and violin).

The Mahones (who sound as if they've certainly got more hair on their chest than East-Coast Celtic fiddler Ashley MacIssac) were born in the dying, predawn hours of St. Patrick's Day, 1990. **Rise Again** is the band's second release (the first **Draggin' The Days** was released in 1994). A vigorous and hearty touring reputation has propelled this "Celtic-punklore" band to a high standing on the Canadian music scene.

Just as The Mahones give a knee-slapping welcome to their listeners, their music is likewise a welcome Canadian alternative to today's tedious selection of distraught mainstream garblers.

Oh, and don't let the Gaelic translation of The Mahones name "pog mo thoin," which is Irish for "kiss my arse," discourage you from checking out the band or the album, **Rise Again,** in a rich cut. This is a righteous Canadian band.

Smut sells

By JENNIFER ELLIOTT
Staff Writer

The People vs. Larry Flynt is an entertaining autobiography about the life, thus far, of Larry Flynt.

Flynt, played by Woody Harrelson, is the creator of Hustler Magazine, a man who gave new meaning to the term "freedom of expression," and through the power of money got away with everything he got himself into.

His wife Althea is played by the infamous Courtney Love, and although my opinion of her contains no positive comments, I was impressed with her ability to act. Her role, however, did seem easy for her to play as it wasn't too far from reality.

The People vs. Larry Flynt is an ironic title for this film, for not only was he defending his own rights against the public, he was fighting for them too.

Although the racism and smut were downplayed, director Milos Forman took a humorous, yet dramatic approach to the many controversies, trials and tribulations of Flynt's life.

As Larry Flynt wins the fight of his life, we are shown his history, his love with Althea and his cocky determination.

This movie was respectful, inspirational and gave an interesting perspective of the life of a smut peddler.

As good as ever

By ROBERT HALLETT
Staff Writer

He may have lost more hair but he has not lost his touch.

Phil Collins has released his eighth solo album, **Dance into the Light.** This 13-track CD is still great but doesn't measure up to his last release.

No drum machines were used on this album, but it is hard to tell the difference with a drummer like Collins. Some might say he is a drum machine — well, almost.

The CD is produced by Collins and Hugh Padgham. Collins does a version of Bob Dylan's song *The Times They Are A-Changing*. There is also a nice ballad called *The Same Moon*. *Take my Hat* is an upbeat song about how much Collins loves his fans.

Performing are Collins on drums, piano, bagpipes, slide and rhythm guitars, kalimba, keyboards, and lead vocals; Nathan East, bass; Brad Cole, keyboards and organ; Daryl Stuermer, lead guitar; Ronnie Caryl, rhythm guitar; Amy Key and Arnold McCuller, backing vocals; Vine St. Horns, Harry Kim and Daniel Fornero, trumpets; Arturo Velasco, trombone, and Andrew Woolfolk, saxophone.

Collins wrote all the lyrics for the album, except for *Lorenzo* written by Michaela Odone. The song is about a boy growing up in East Africa forced to leave his home by a monster named A-dre-no-leu-ko-dys-tro-phy.

Prior to this CD, Collins released a song entitled *Somewhere* on a summer 1996-released CD called **The Songs of West Side Story,** produced by David Packin.

He may not look the same, but he still sounds as good as ever. This work rates a nine out of 10 from me.

Too long

By MIKE HASTINGS
Staff Writer

First there was Redford and Hoffman. Then there was Cruise and Gibson. Now Beavis and Butt-head?

Yes, it's true. The MTV duo have scored their first feature film, **Beavis and Butt-head Do America.**

The major missing ingredient is the duo's hilarious bashing of MTV music videos. The reason? Their precious television set has been stolen.

This catastrophe sets the boys on a mission to find their set. On the way they run into a drunken thug who mistakes them for hitmen whom he hires to "do" his sexy ex-wife.

They happily agree to "do" her and they jump on a plane to Las Vegas.

Beavis and Butt-head are chased out of Las Vegas and pursued across the country by an FBI agent obsessed with giving everyone a full body cavity search.

There are funny bits in this movie. One example is when Beavis gets doped up and runs around shouting out "Cornholio" in the White House and aboard an airplane.

A great deal of this movie is repetitive.

In other words, Mike Judge, the creator of Beavis and Butt-head, should chop this 90-minute movie in half.

Tear-jerker

By MIKE HASTINGS
Staff Writer

Hot off the success of **Mission:Impossible**, Tom Cruise tones down the action and turns on the charm in his new movie **Jerry Maguire.**

Cruise plays Jerry Maguire, a sports agent who deals with top athletes in baseball, basketball and football.

The first part of the movie shows Cruise in his fast-paced world of deal making.

He has everything: a successful career, money and a beautiful fiancee, played by Kelly Preston.

One night, Cruise writes a statement on how his agency should pay more attention to fewer clients; this gets him fired.

Cruise struggles to hold on to as many clients as he can. He does manage to keep one, a wide receiver played brilliantly by Cuba Gooding Jr.

Cruise dumps his fiancee and falls in love with his assistant, played by Renee Zellwegger. The chemistry between the two is sweet.

Jerry Maguire is about finding your true self.

The performances by Cruise, Zellwegger and Gooding are superb, but there is one performance that stands out. You will truly love six-year-old Jonathan Lipnicki, who plays Zellwegger's son.

This is not just a good date movie. It is also a great movie to see with a group of friends.

Thumbs down

BY PENNI TONEGUZZO
Staff Writer

The Infamous . . . Mobb Deep recently released its latest album **Hell On Earth.**

Animal Instinct is the first unexplainable song on the album. It didn't make one note of sense to me, maybe because the rap attitude of the group turns me off.

The music reminds me of the Mafia and a psychotic killer. I found these men to be amateurs in the music industry.

I think most people enjoy music they can understand, but it is pretty hard to relate to music when you can't make out the words.

Drop A Gem On 'Em is the band's first released tune to hit the sound waves. I don't know about society's view, but I can't see how these men are going to make money mumbling lyrics while an orchestra plays in the background.

The two sounds clash badly. Where are these men musically inclined?

They seem to be praised on their swear-word lyrics and pathetic music.

To each their own. But if you enjoy talented musicians this effort is definitely not for you.

I give these untalented men one out of 10 for their attempt in the music world, but definitely both thumbs down on their new album.

Worth a scream

By MIKE HASTINGS
Staff Writer

If you like to be scared out of your wits, this movie may be your cup of tea.

Horrormeister Wes Craven brings us his best movie since **A Nightmare On Elm Street.** It is thoughtfully titled **Scream.**

You can view this movie in two ways: as a parody or as a tribute to past horror movies such as **Halloween** and **Prom Night.**

Scream grabs you by the throat in the opening scene when Drew Barrymore is threatened by the killer, who constantly calls her on the telephone and makes her answer trivia questions on the topic of famous horror movies.

This leads the killer into stalking a high school student played by television's Party of Five's Neve Campbell and her classmates, including Skeet Ulrich, Jamie Kennedy and Rose McGowan.

The advantage these teens have against the killer is the knowledge of how a horror movie works.

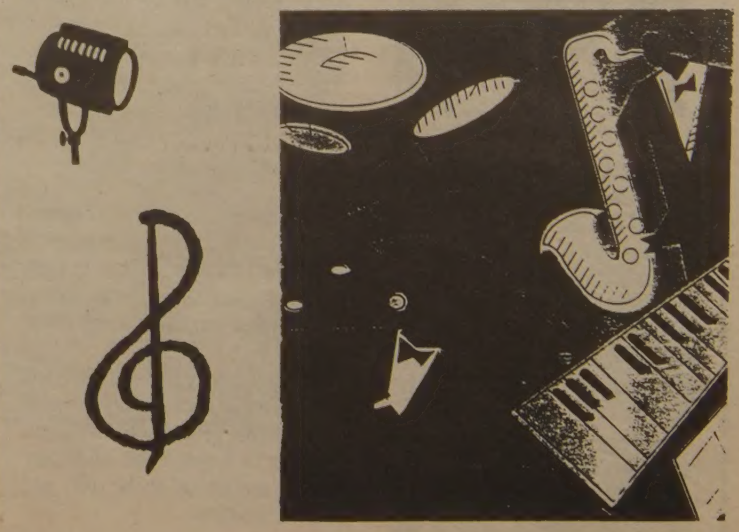
There is a cameo by 1970's icon Henry 'The Fonz' Winkler who plays the high school principal. Courtney Cox of TV's Friends rounds out the cast as a noisy tabloid reporter.

This movie is smart, funny, scary, and very entertaining.

Everyone in **Scream** is a suspect at one time or another.

You will be sitting there saying "he did it" or "she did it" through the movie until the very end.

This is a must-see movie. Don't miss it.



SUPER BOWL

Passing the torch to a younger breed

By RANDY SYER
Staff Writer

The torch has been passed to two young quarterbacks who are trying to make their mark on National Football League (NFL) supremacy.

The days of Joe Montana versus Dan Marino in Super Bowls are over as Brett Favre and Drew Bledsoe try to fill the shoes of the legends they idolized while they where young.

Favre and Bledsoe travelled relatively different paths to the NFL. Bledsoe was a blue-chip prospect out of Washington State in 1991 and hailed as the "can't miss kid."

Favre, the reigning Most Valuable Player of the NFL, was a third-round draft pick of the Atlanta Falcons. He was supposed to be the successor to Falcons' pivot Chris Miller. Favre was later traded to Green Bay where he became a perennial superstar in Green Bay's west coast offense.

Although, Favre and Bledsoe rank among the top quarterbacks in the NFL, they have extremely different styles.

Favre is the scrambling type quarterback with a strong arm and a fierce competitiveness. He can make a broken play into a first down.

Bledsoe, second in the NFL in yards with 4,086, is a pure pocket passer. With his strong arm, Bledsoe is a threat to make a big play every down. He holds the record for most attempts in a game (70) and has already thrown for more than 10,000 yards in just six seasons.

However, they do share several similarities. Both are 24 and have the desire to bring their respective teams to the next level. They are big play quarterbacks that will lead the NFL into the next millennium.

In recent years, we've seen the Super Bowl dominated by the National Football Conference, but with this matchup at quarterback, it could be more exciting than past games.

Like their predecessors before them, Bledsoe and Favre look to stand above all quarterbacks and win the granddaddy game of them all — the Super Bowl.

PACKERS

No.	Player	P	Ht	Wt	Ex
4	Brett Favre	QB	6-2	225	6
7	Kyle Wachholtz	QB	6-4	238	R
9	Jim McMahon	QB	6-1	195	15
13	Chris Jacke	K	6-0	205	8
17	Craig Hentrich	P	6-3	200	3
18	Doug Pederson	QB	6-3	215	4
21	Craig Newsome	CB	5-11	190	2
25	Dorsey Levens	FB	6-1	235	3
27	Calvin Jones	RB	5-11	205	3
28	Roderick Mullen	CB	6-1	204	2
30	William Henderson	FB	6-1	248	2
32	Travis Jervey	RB	5-11	225	2
33	Doug Evans	CB	6-0	190	4
34	Edgar Bennett	RB	6-0	217	5
36	LeRoy Butler	S	6-0	200	7
37	Tyrone Williams	CB	5-11	195	R
39	Mike Prior	S	6-0	208	11
40	Chris Hayes	S	6-0	200	R
41	Eugene Robinson	S	6-0	195	12
46	Michael Robinson	CB	6-1	192	R
51	Brian Williams	LB	6-1	235	2
52	Frank Winters	C	6-3	295	10
54	Ron Cox	LB	6-2	235	7
55	Bernardo Harris	LB	6-2	243	2
56	Lamont Hollinquest	LB	6-3	243	3
59	Wayne Simmons	LB	6-2	248	4
62	Marco Rivera	G	6-4	295	R
63	Adam Timmerman	G	6-4	295	2
64	Bruce Wilkerson	T	6-5	305	10
65	Lindsay Knapp	G	6-6	300	4
67	Jeff Dellenbach	C	6-6	300	12
68	Gary Brown	T	6-4	315	3
71	Santana Dotson	DT	6-5	285	5
72	Earl Dotson	OT	6-3	315	4
73	Aaron Taylor	G	6-4	305	3
77	John Michels	T	6-7	290	R
80	Derrick Mayes	WR	6-0	200	R
81	Desmond Howard	WR	5-10	180	5
82	Don Beebe	WR	5-11	183	8
83	Jeff Thomason	TE	6-4	250	4
84	Andre Rison	WR	6-1	195	8
85	Terry Mickens	WR	6-0	198	3
86	Antonio Freeman	WR	6-0	190	2
88	Keith Jackson	TE	6-2	258	9
89	Mark Chmura	TE	6-5	250	5
90	Darius Holland	DT	6-4	310	2
91	Shannon Clavelle	DE	6-2	287	2
92	Reggie White	DE	6-5	300	12
93	Gilbert Brown	NT	6-2	325	4
94	Bob Kuberski	NT	6-4	295	2
95	Keith McKenzie	DE	6-2	242	R
96	Sean Jones	DE	6-7	283	13
98	Gabe Wilkins	DE	6-4	305	3

PATRIOTS

No.	Player	P	Ht	Wt	Ex
4	Adam Vinatieri	K	6-0	200	R
11	Drew Bledsoe	QB	6-5	233	4
15	Ray Lucas	WR	6-2	201	R
16	Scott Zolak	QB	6-5	235	6
19	Tom Tupa	P	6-4	220	8
21	Ricky Reynolds	CB	5-11	190	10
22	David Meggett	RB	5-7	195	8
23	Terry Ray	SS	6-1	205	5
24	Ty Law	CB	5-11	196	2
25	Larry Whigham	SS	6-2	205	3
26	Jerome Henderson	CB	5-10	188	6
27	Mike McGruder	CB	5-10	178	7
28	Curtis Martin	RB	5-11	203	2
30	Corwin Brown	FS	6-1	200	4
31	Jimmy Hitchcock	CB	5-10	188	2
32	Willie Clay	FS	5-10	198	5
35	Marrio Grier	FB	5-10	225	R
36	Lawyer Milloy	SS	6-0	208	R
41	Keith Byars	FB	6-1	255	11
45	Otis Smith	CB	5-11	190	7
48	Lovett Purnell	TE	6-2	250	R
52	Ted Johnson	LB	6-3	240	2
53	Chris Slade	LB	6-5	245	4
54	Tedy Bruschi	LB	6-1	245	R
55	Willie McGinest	LB	6-5	255	3
58	Marty Moore	LB	6-1	244	3
59	Todd Collins	LB	6-2	242	4
61	Bob Kratch	G	6-3	288	8
62	Dave Richards	T	6-5	315	9
63	Heath Irwin	G	6-4	273	R
64	Dave Wohlabaugh	C	6-3	292	2
67	Mike Gisler	C	6-4	300	4
68	Max Lane	T	6-6	305	3
71	Todd Rucci	G	6-5	291	4
72	Devin Wyman	DT	6-7	307	R
74	Chris Sullivan	DE	6-4	279	R
75	Pio Sagapolutele	DT	6-6	297	6
76	William Roberts	G	6-5	298	13
78	Bruce Armstrong	T	6-4	295	10
80	Troy Brown	WR	5-9	190	4
81	Hason Graham	WR	5-10	176	2
82	Vincent Brisby	WR	6-2	188	4
83	Dietrich Jells	WR	5-10	186	R
84	Shawn Jefferson	WR	5-11	180	6
85	John Burke	TE	6-3	248	3
86	Mike Bartrum	TE	6-5	245	3
87	Ben Coates	TE	6-5	245	6
88	Terry Glenn	WR	5-10	184	R
90	Chad Eaton	WR	5-10	184	R
92	Ferric Collons	DE	6-6	285	3
95	Dwayne Sabb	LB	6-4	248	5
96	Mike Jones	DE	6-4	295	6
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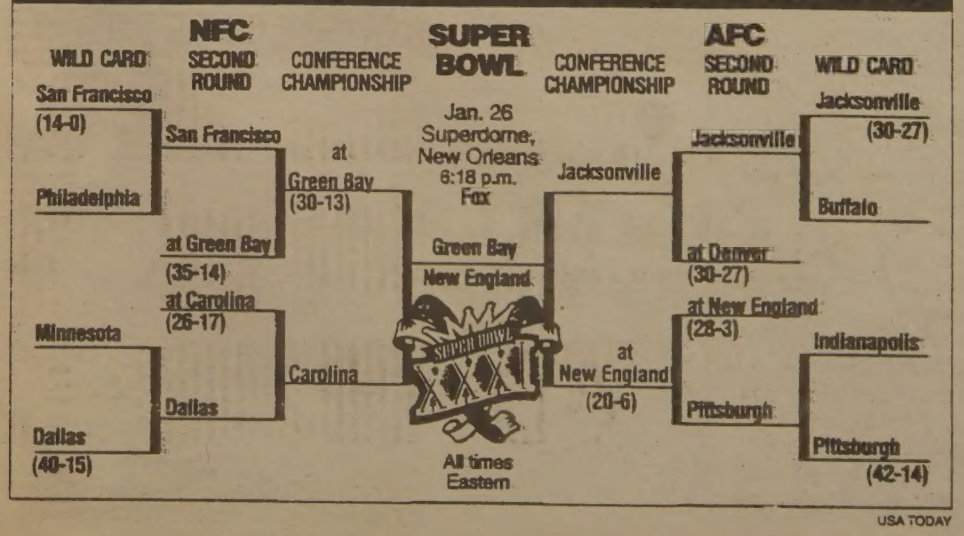

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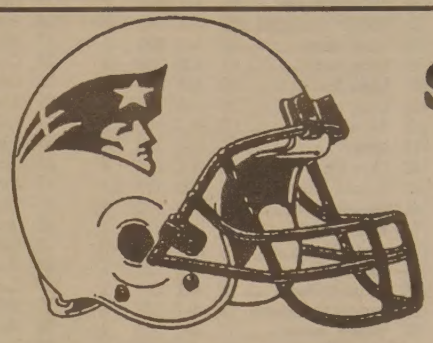

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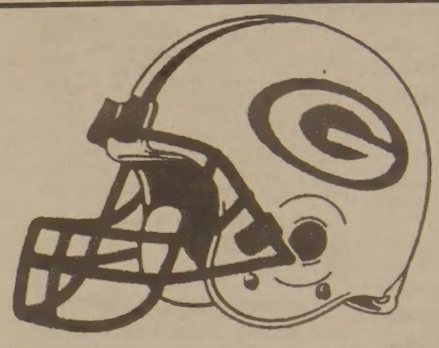

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